

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 25, 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:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
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**“He said to them,  
*‘All too well you reject  
the commandment  
of God, that you may  
keep your tradition’*”  
Mark 7:9**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2024

### **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** - Merciful Father, You have given me a marvelous testament to Your mercy in the person of Your Son and in the Scriptures that testify to Him. Help me to keep Your Word in my heart, and guard me against empty words and works that proceed from a heart empty of faith; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - One of the saddest things in life is when we lose our sense of wonder —when we can no longer behold the beauty of God's creation and be moved by it or when we take for granted the mystery of our salvation by the blood of the Lamb. The prophet Isaiah promises the restoration of wonder and the Spirit fulfills that promise with faith that trusts in what we have not seen. Today we ask the Lord to fill us with awe as we receive the inheritance of the saints who went before and add to it the witness of our age of the joy of salvation to bequeath to those who come after.

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**PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

# WELCOME

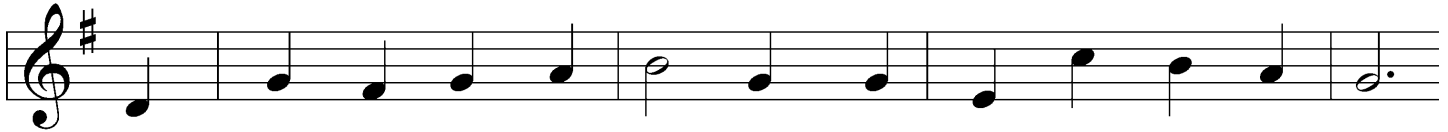
## OPENING HYMN

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

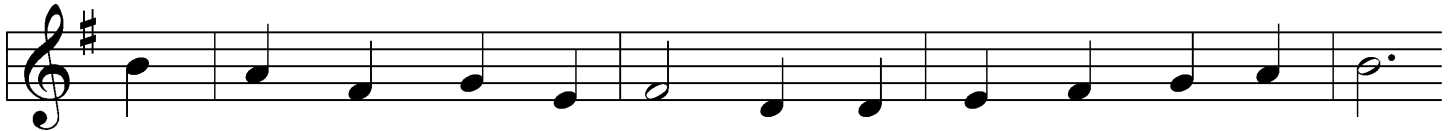
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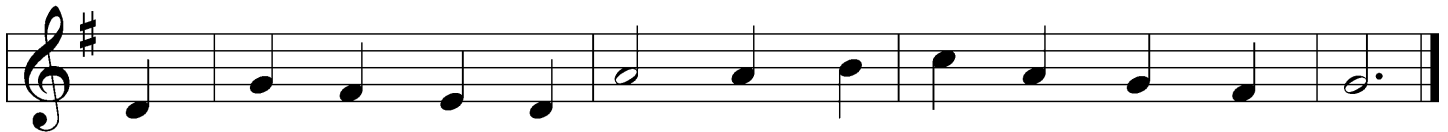
1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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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.

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**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 +**

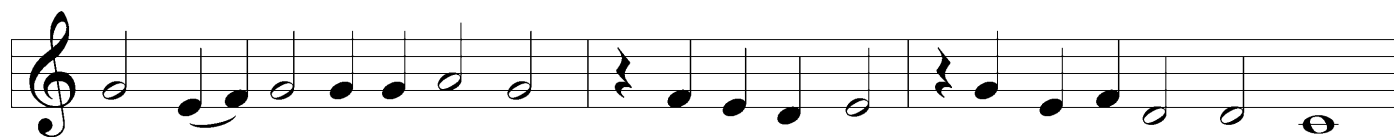
**INTROIT** *Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

**P Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**C Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip.  
Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart. I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go about Your altar, O Lord, that I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.**

**P Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## 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

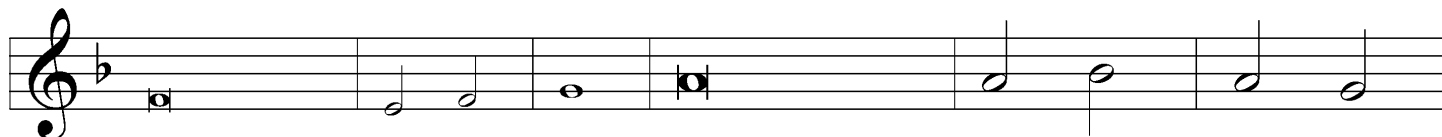


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

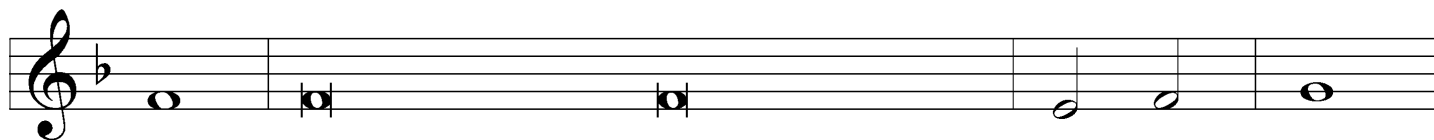


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

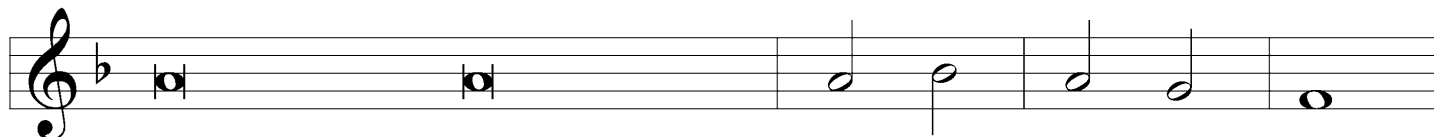
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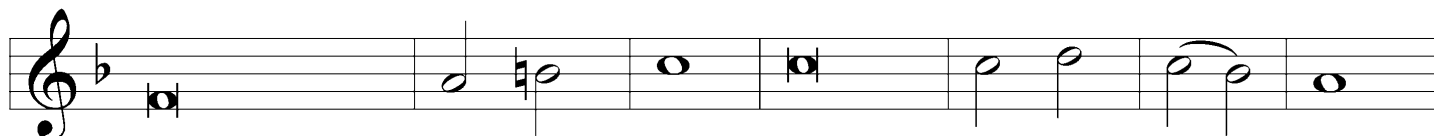
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



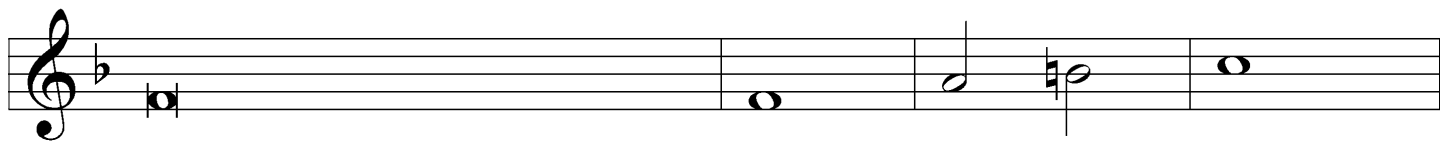
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



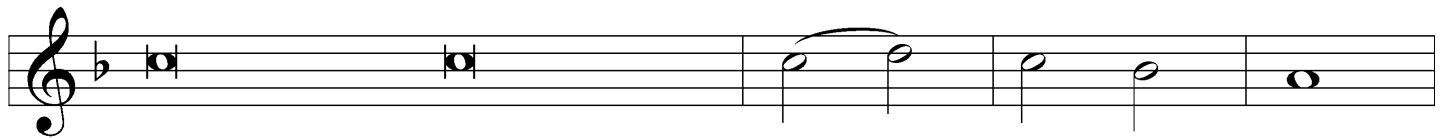
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



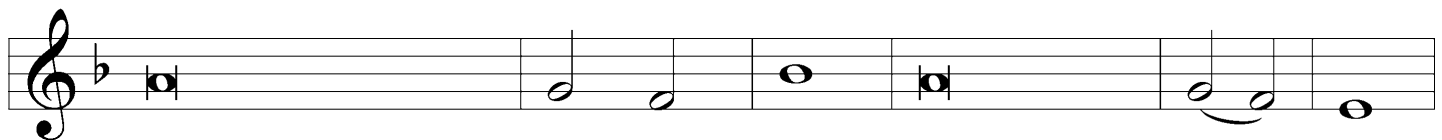
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



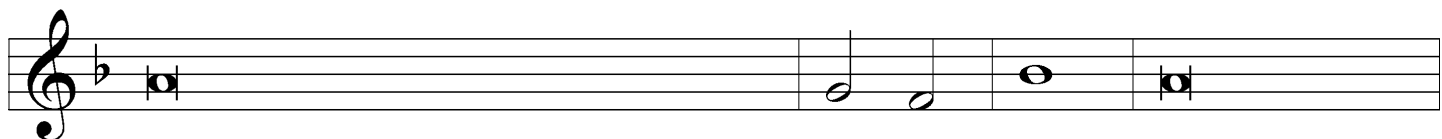
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



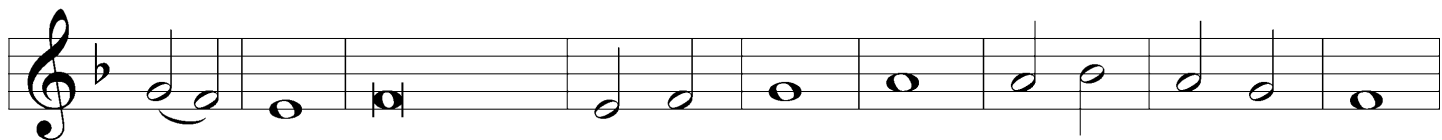
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



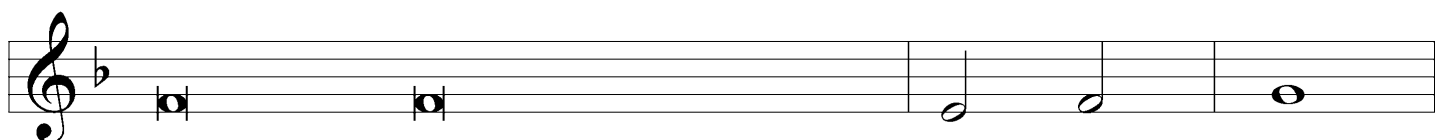
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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.

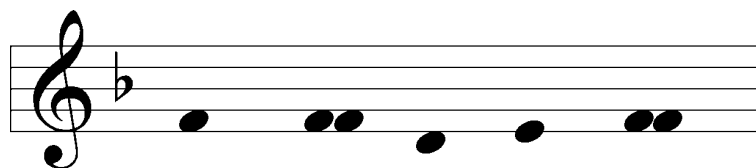


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

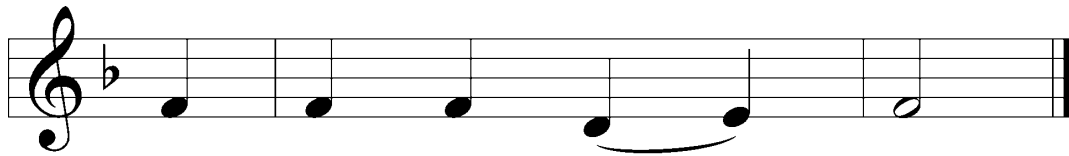


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

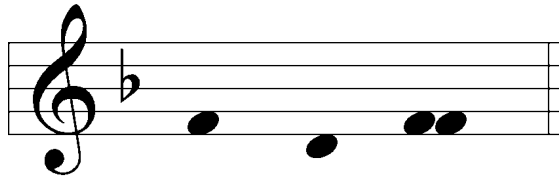
## **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and merciful God, defend Your church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 29:11-19*

("I will again do wonderful things with this people.")

11 The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please."

And he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

12 Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please."

And he says, "I am not literate."

13 Therefore the Lord said:

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips,

But have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

14 Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this

- people, a marvelous work and a wonder;  
For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the  
understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden.”
- 15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord,  
and their works are in the dark;  
They say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”
- 16 Surely you have things turned around! Shall the potter be esteemed  
as the clay;  
For shall the thing made say of him who made it, “He did not make  
me”?  
Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no  
understanding”?
- 17 Is it not yet a very little while till Lebanon shall be turned into a  
fruitful field, and the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?
- 18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of  
the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.
- 19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor  
among men shall Rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 14; antiphon: v. 7a*

- P Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!
- C The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.**
- P The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see  
if there are any who understand, who seek God.
- C They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt;  
There is none who does good, no, not one.**
- P Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my  
people as they eat bread, and do not call on the Lord?
- C There they are in great fear, for God is with the generation of  
the righteous.**
- P You shame the counsel of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.



**C** Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord brings back the captivity of His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

**P** Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 5:22–33*

*(Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.)*

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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**ALLELUIA**

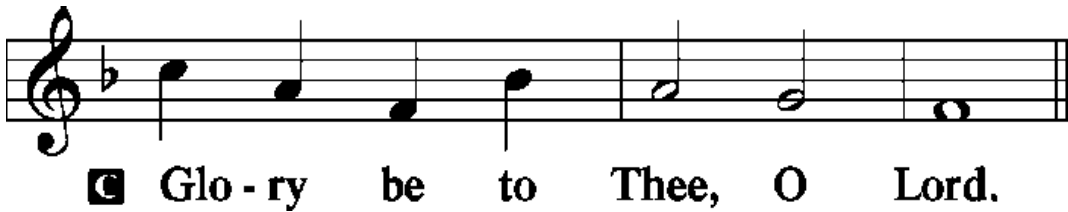


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL     *Mark 7:1–13*

(“This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.”)

P     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



1 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. 2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. 3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

6 He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

7 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”

9 He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ 11 But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban”—’ (that is, a gift to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his

mother, 13 making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

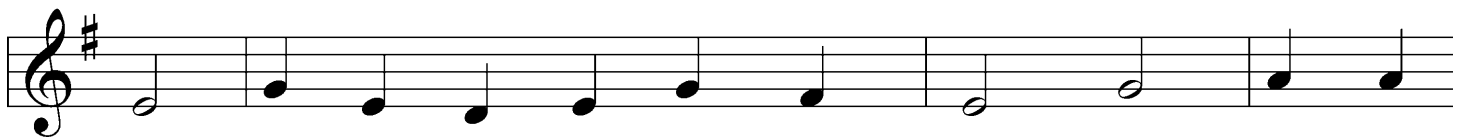
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**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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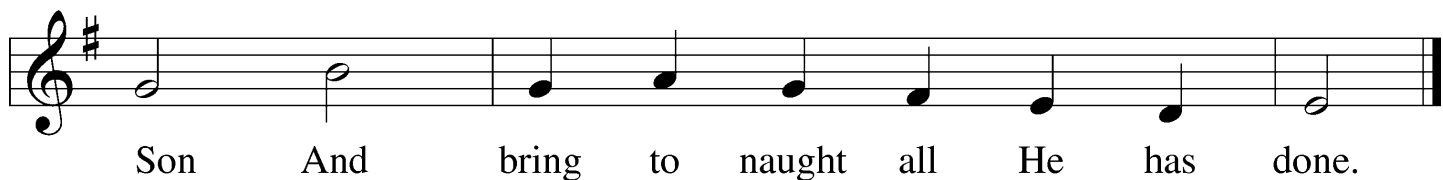
**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*    **LSB 655**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your



**2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.**

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**SERMOM**

*"As it is written..."*

Mark 7:6-7

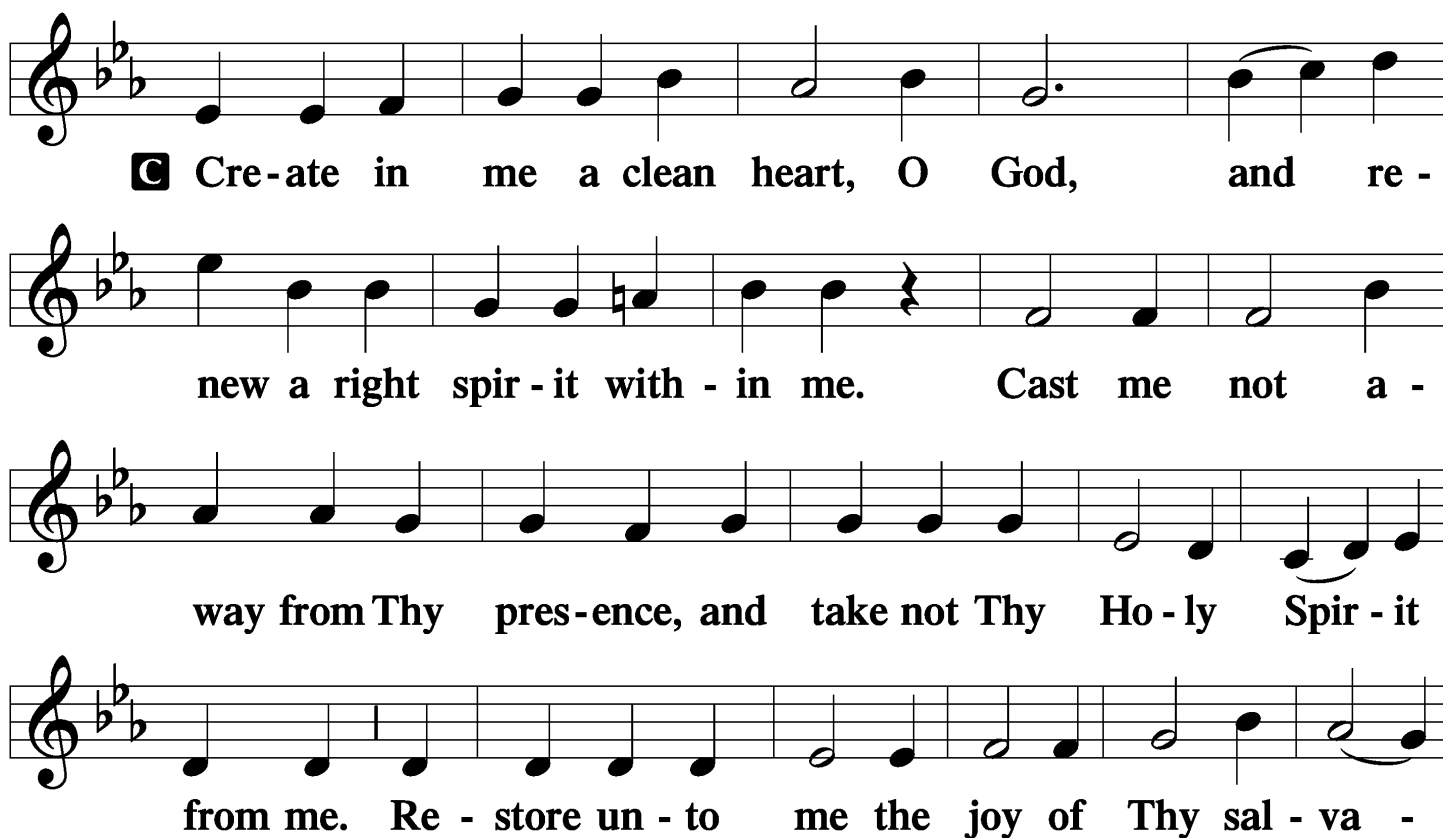
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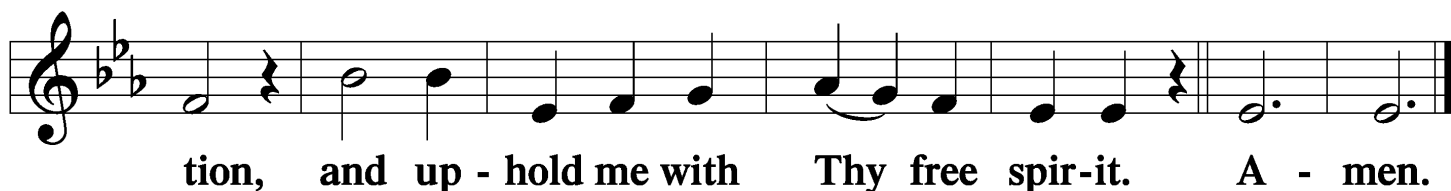
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**OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me*

**LSB 192**





## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*"Peace be with you"*

*[through use of American Sign Language]*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Guard Your people, O Lord, let not our hearts be empty of faith nor our minds filled with pride. Give us a healthy respect for the things of old, which we have received from those who have gone before and give us a living faith that trusts not in works but in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give grace to Your church, that she be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Christ the chief cornerstone, but also that she faithfully pass on the Gospel to those to come. Bless all pastors and church workers in their vocations to serve us with Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give grace to the leaders of this and every land, that every people may enjoy good government, peace among the nations, security in their homes, and reward for virtue. Bless us in our service to our neighbor and those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give grace to the catechumens and to the newly baptized, that they diligently seek the instruction of Your Word to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and so become steadfast and immovable in the face of challenge or temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give grace to those afflicted in body or mind that they may rest their cares upon You and be kept strong in the day of trouble, [especially . . .], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Additional prayers and petitions may be added.*

**P** Give grace so that we may be grateful for Your blessings new every morning and we may be generous in sharing from Your abundant gifts to those in need. Be with the unemployed and those just entering the workforce, that our labors may be fruitful for our benefit and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Give grace that we may not disdain the living faith of the dead whose witness daily encourages our own faithfulness nor abandon the sacred tradition we have received but keep it with holy hearts and confess it with bold voices. Lord, in Your mercy,

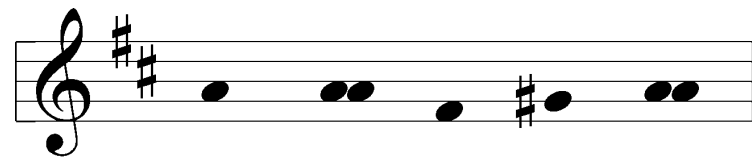
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

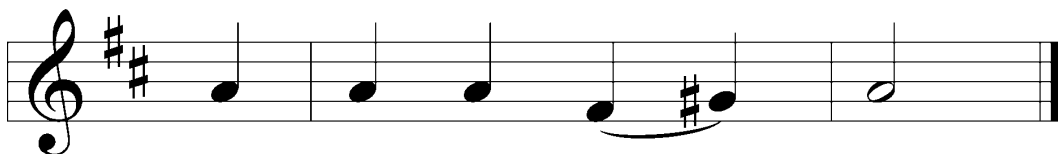
**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

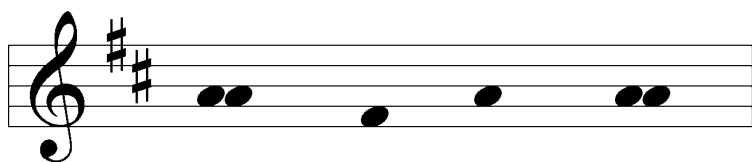
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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



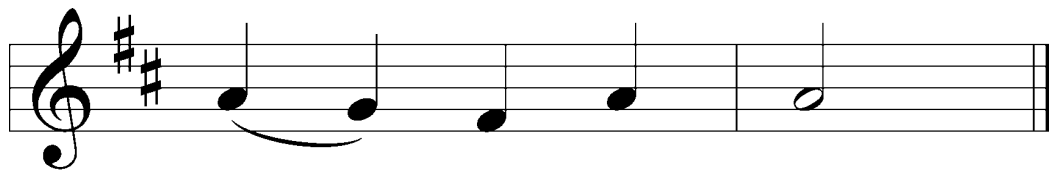
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

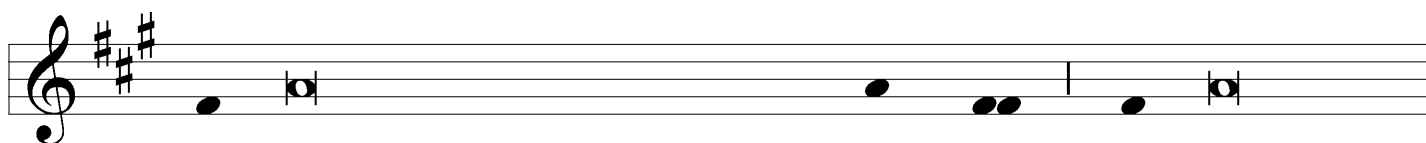


**A** Bless we the Lord.

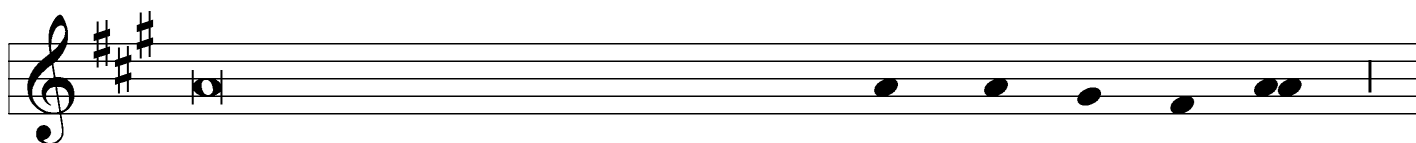


**C** Thanks be to God.

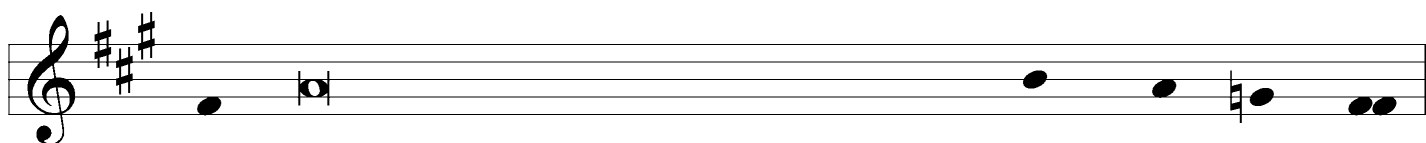
## BENEDICTION



**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

*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

**LSB 830**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.

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2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
5 En - ter, might - y Word, the field; Ripe the prom - ise of its yield.  
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.  
But the reap - ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!  
Let the gath - 'ring na - tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

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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

### September Activities

Labor Day  
September 2nd  
Office and School will be closed

Elders' Meeting  
Tuesday, September 3rd  
9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Pastors' Circuit Meeting  
September 17th

Pastors' Wife Retreat  
September 27th thru 29th

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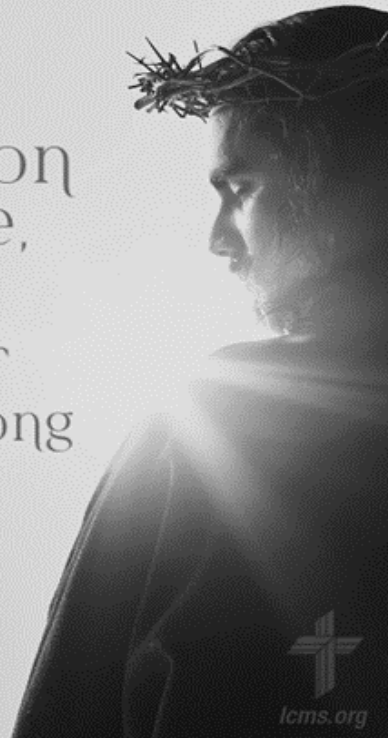
## Memory Verse Challenge

This week's

### MEMORY VERSE

And there  
is salvation  
in no one else,  
for there is no  
other name under  
heaven given among  
men by which we  
must be saved.

ACTS 4:12



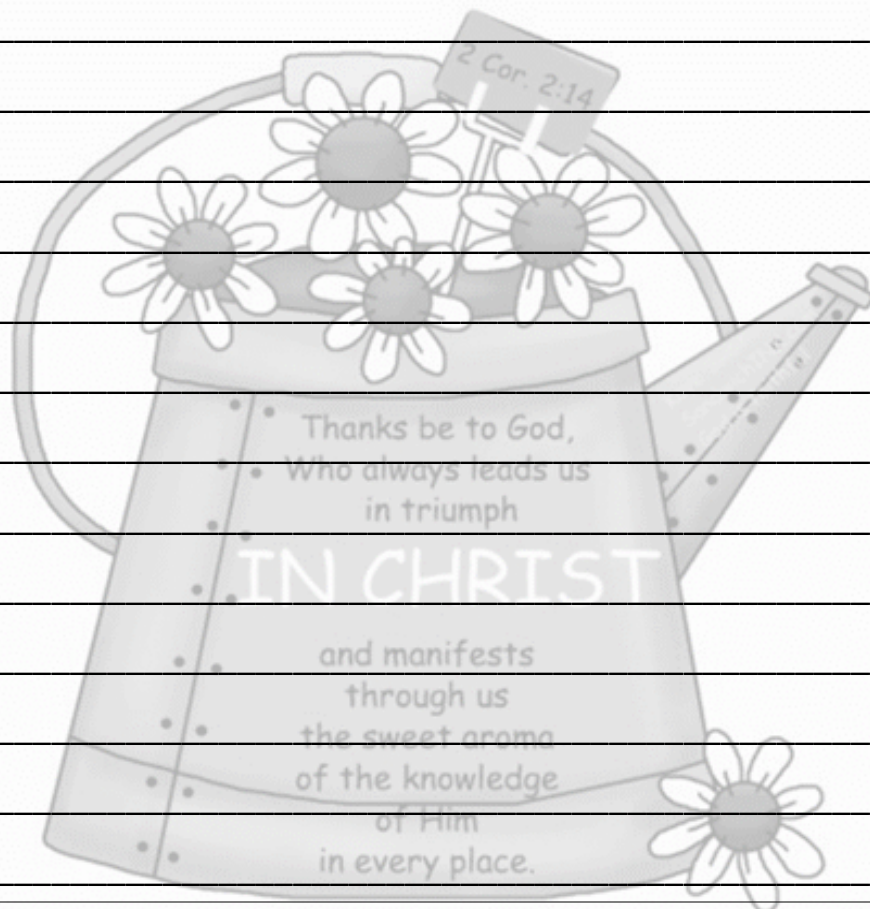
The fool  
has said  
in his heart,

THERE IS  
**NO GOD**

Psalm 14:1

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## Sermon Notes



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**8/18/2024**

**Sunday Worship**

**50**

Plate: \$ .00

Envelopes: \$ .00

Envelopes-Other:

On-line:

Donation:

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**Total:** \$ .00

Bible Class: 20 \$ 22.00

***Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost Readings:  
(Proper 17)***

***Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 119:128-136  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
Mark 7:14-23***

## The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not “[reject] the commandment of God” in order to establish or hold to “the tradition of men” (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord “with their mouth” and to honor Him “with their lips,” while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is “the Holy One of Israel,” who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, “the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,” but “the deaf shall hear” and “the eyes of the blind shall see” (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He “gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word” (Eph. 5:25–26).

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>August Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>September Sunday Servants</b>
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	D Jackson/L Marchant/I Aguilera	BJ Neuhaus/M Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am