

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 27, 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:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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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** - Almighty God, grant me to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock from which I have been hewn. Help me rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance; 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** - Son of a pub owner and a cabinet maker by trade, Edward Mote was a nineteenth century Englishman who came to faith in Christ as an adult and then served the last two decades of his life as a parish pastor. Although Mote is said to have never lost his touch for building furniture, he discovered a new passion in his later years: writing hymns for Christians to sing. "My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness," he wrote. "No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576:1). The story is told that the first person with whom Mote shared these words was a friend who had fallen ill and was nearing the end of her life. Mote's beautiful

hymn, which Christ-followers like us continue to enjoy today, reminded God's beloved that Christ Jesus alone is the solid foundation, the mighty fortress in whom she could trust. In life and in death, our hope is built on this rock, who offers for us nothing less than His own blood and righteousness.

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### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

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

### OPENING HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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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 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

P But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the Lord!

**C “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”**

P “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

**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 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;



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;  
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 God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock upon whom our lives are built. Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance; 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**    *Isaiah 51:1–6*

(“Look to the rock from which you were hewn.”)

1 “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him.” 3 For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. 4 “Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation: for law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait upon Me, and on My arm they will trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished.

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

**Ç** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a*

P    The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy,  
O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

**C    I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will  
sing praises to You.**

P    I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for  
Your loving-kindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your  
word above all Your name.

**C    In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me  
bold with strength in my soul.**

P    All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, when they hear  
the words of Your mouth.

**C    Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the  
glory of the Lord.**

P    Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly; but the  
proud He knows from afar.

**C    Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You  
will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and Your right hand will save me.**

P    The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy,  
O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

**EPISTLE**      *Romans 11:33–12:8*

(Do not be conformed; be transformed.)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of  
God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding  
out!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has  
become His counselor?” 35 “Or who has first given to Him  
and it shall be repaid to him?”

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to  
whom be glory forever. Amen.

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you  
present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which

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is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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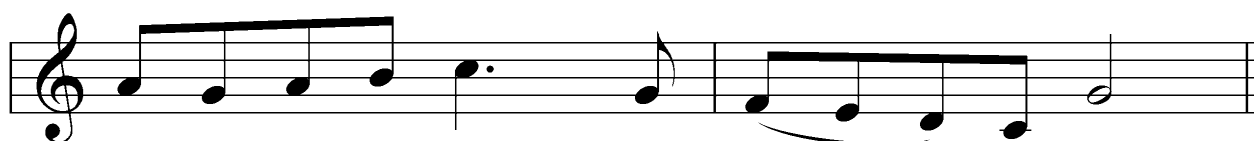
## ALLELUIA and VERSE



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 16:13-20*

(“On this rock I will build My church.”)

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

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

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

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.**

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**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**      The Gifts Christ Freely Gives      **LSB 602**



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.

The body and the blood  
 Remove our ev'ry sin;  
 We leave His presence in  
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
 Who lavishes such love;  
 The triune God in love  
 Assures our life above.  
 His means of grace for us  
 Are gifts He loves to give;  
 All thanks and praise for His  
 Great love by which we live!

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**SERMON**      *“How Jesus builds His Church”*      (Matthew 16:18)

**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY**      *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*      **LSB 865**



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -  
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our  
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed



chism's ——— doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the  
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and  
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.  
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

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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, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

We rest securely in Your promises, gracious God, and come into Your holy presence with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts. Every day, in each and every way, we see all that Your mighty hand has provided to give us everything that we are and everything we possess. Because we are completely dependent upon Your hand to guide us and provide for us, Lord, be our rock of refuge,

**C to which we can always go.**

**P** In Holy Baptism, You have anchored us in Your Word and united us with Christ Jesus. Your Spirit will never forsake Your own, for we rest securely in the blood and righteousness our Savior has given to us and to all who trust in Him. Enable Your Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus until the day He comes again in all power and glory. Until that day when every knee shall bow before You, lead our hearts to believe and our mouths to confess Your saving name. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

**C to which we can always go.**

**P** Without Your aid, O Lord, we fail. When we falter and fall, uplift us by Your grace. Be near to the downtrodden, the

heart-broken, and the weary. Steady the knees that give way, reminding those with fearful hearts that You alone are the God who saves. Stretch out Your arm to be a shield and fortress for all who are in harm's way. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who lay down their lives for our benefit. Give courage to those who walk through times of temptation and testing, helping them to know You are the God who provides hope for all who seek You. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

**C to which we can always go.**

P Many among us are suffering and in great need, O Lord. We name before You those we know and love whose concerns are known to You, the One who knows all things. Answer their prayers and, according to Your good and gracious will, enable them to gratefully receive all You give. We pray for those who are in need within our Christian congregation and among our families and friends, [including . . .]. Lord, be our rock of refuge,

**C to which we can always go.**

P Built on the rock of Jesus and His mighty Word, we have hope in this world because of the certainty we have of life forever with You. Use honesty to disrupt us, hope to sculpt us, joy to construct us, peace to protect us, and faith to persist in us. Help us to see how awesome You are, O Lord! We know Your Word is faithful and true because You alone are the rock from which our lives have been hewn and in whom we rest securely. Into Your merciful care we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

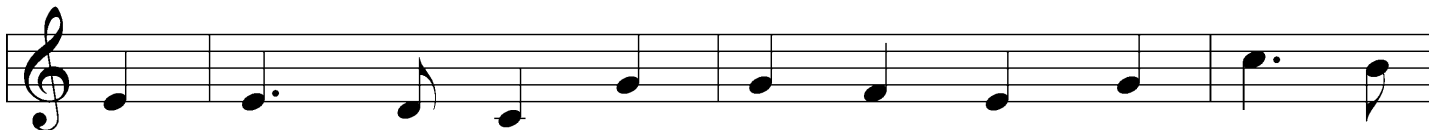
*Numbers 6:24-26*

**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.

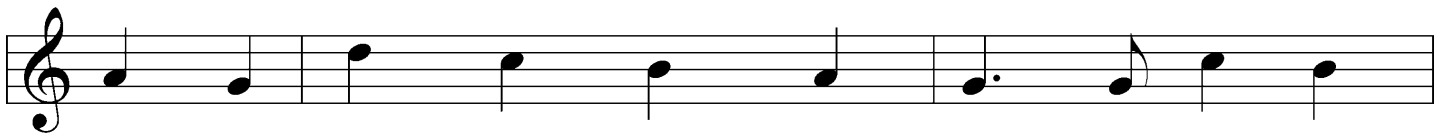
**C** Amen.

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## SENDING HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **LSB 965**



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.*

### August Activities

#### *Immanuel Lutheran School*

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

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

### **LWML**

*Zone meeting will be held on  
Saturday, September 9th, 2023  
12:30 p.m. @ Olive Garden in Harlingen.  
Also, that same morning from 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.  
@ St Paul in Harlingen,*

*they will be hosting a livestream seminar on  
various frauds that you may find informative.*

*Invite your group, friends, family!*

*Coffee and doughnuts will be available.*

*Contact information regarding this seminar is on  
the flyer available in the Narthex, office,  
and Social Hall.*



*LWML Women's Retreat*

*Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph*

*January 26-27, 2024*

*Harlingen Convention Center*

*701 Harlingen Heights Drive*

*See flyer for complete information,  
available in the Narthex, office, and Social Hall.*

PSALM 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

YOU PRESERVE



MY LIFE

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

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## MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

**This week's memory verse:**      *Titus 3:4-6*

*When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

### ***FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Readings:***

*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

*Psalm 26*

*Romans 12:9-21*

*Matthew 16:21-28*

**8/13/2023**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>40</b>	
Plate:	\$	80.00
Envelopes:	\$	2,093.00
Online		
Donation: (to school)	\$	1,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$	3,173.00
Bible Class:	<b>18</b>	\$ 18.00

**8/20/2023**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>31</b>	
Plate:	\$	141.00
Envelopes:	\$	673.00
Online		
Memorials:		
<b>Total:</b>	\$	814.00
Bible Class:	<b>8</b>	\$ 8.00

## The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: “But who do you say that I am?” (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even “the gates of hell shall not prevail” (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness “will never be dismayed” (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that “joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (Is. 51:3). Therefore, “according to the measure of faith that God has assigned” (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

<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	BJ Neuhaus/M. Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am