ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 4, 2024 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> *Sunday* 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

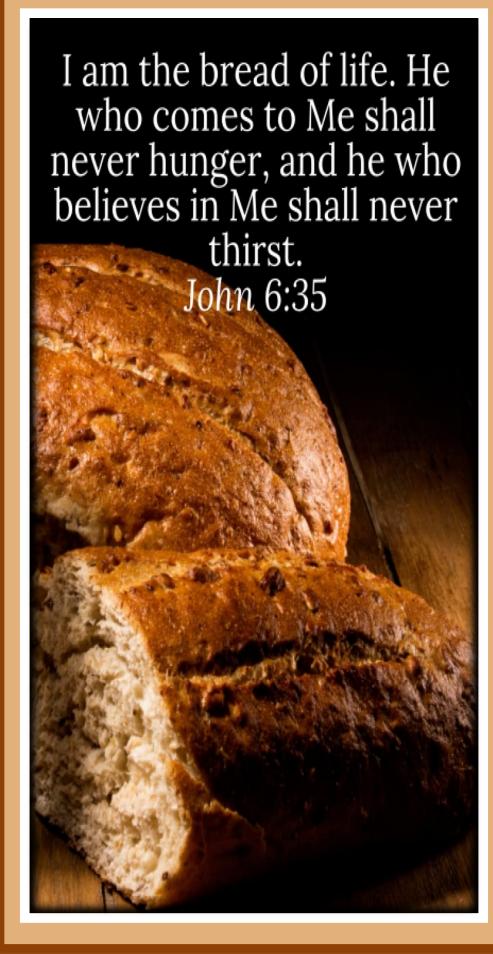
> **10:30 A.M.** Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School

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

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### **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 give eternal life to all who believe in Your Son, Jesus. Give me faith that will never be ashamed of Him but will take courage from His presence in my life; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER -** An interesting list of seven publicized in recent years is that of "The Seven Natural Wonders of the World." Six of these wonderful parts of God's amazing creation are specific to a certain location: Mount Everest in Nepal, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Harbor of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Victoria Falls between Zambia and Zimbabwe, Mount Paricutin in Mexico, and the Grand Canyon in the United States. The seventh natural wonder on the list is the aurora borealis (or northern lights), which can be seen in many countries in the northern hemisphere of the globe, including Canada, Russia, Iceland, Norway, and the United States. Whether we live near any of these seven special

natural wonders or not, the beauty of God's handiwork surrounds us in every place. Many centuries ago, the inspired psalmist wrote, "Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2). From colorful rainbows to delicate snowflakes to lofty mountain peaks, "full of splendor and majesty is His work" (Psalm 111:3a). May we be inspired by it as well!

# DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE PAGE 184

### (A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

### WELCOME

PRELUDE

**OPENING HYMN** 

Not What These Hands Have Done

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1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt soul; y 2 Not what Ι feel or do Can give me peace with God: 3 Thy work Can ease this weight a lone, 0 Christ, of sin; 4 Thy love 0 Not mine, O to me, God. Lord. to Thee. toil - ing flesh has borne Not what this Can make my spir - it whole. Can bear my aw - ful all my prayers and sighs and Not tears load. Can give me peace with - in. Thy blood a - lone. O Lamb of God. rid of this dark And set my spir - it Can me un - rest free.

- 5 Thy grace alone, O God,
  To me can pardon speak;
  Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
  Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,I rest on love divine,And with unfalt'ring lip and heartI call this Savior mine.

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.

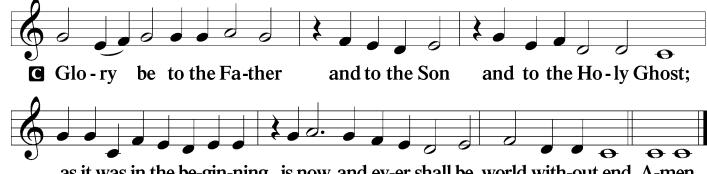
# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

# **INTROIT** *Psalm 78:23–25; antiphon: v. 72*

- P So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.
- C Yet He had commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven,

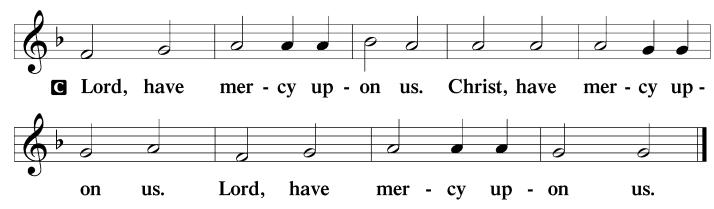
- Р Had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven.
- Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full. С
- So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and Ρ guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

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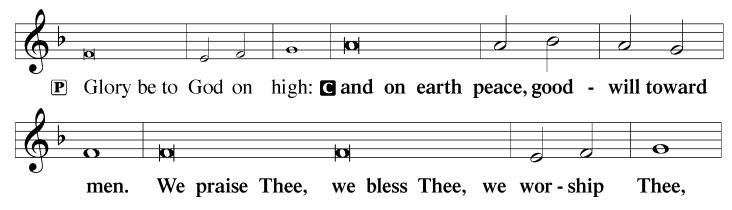


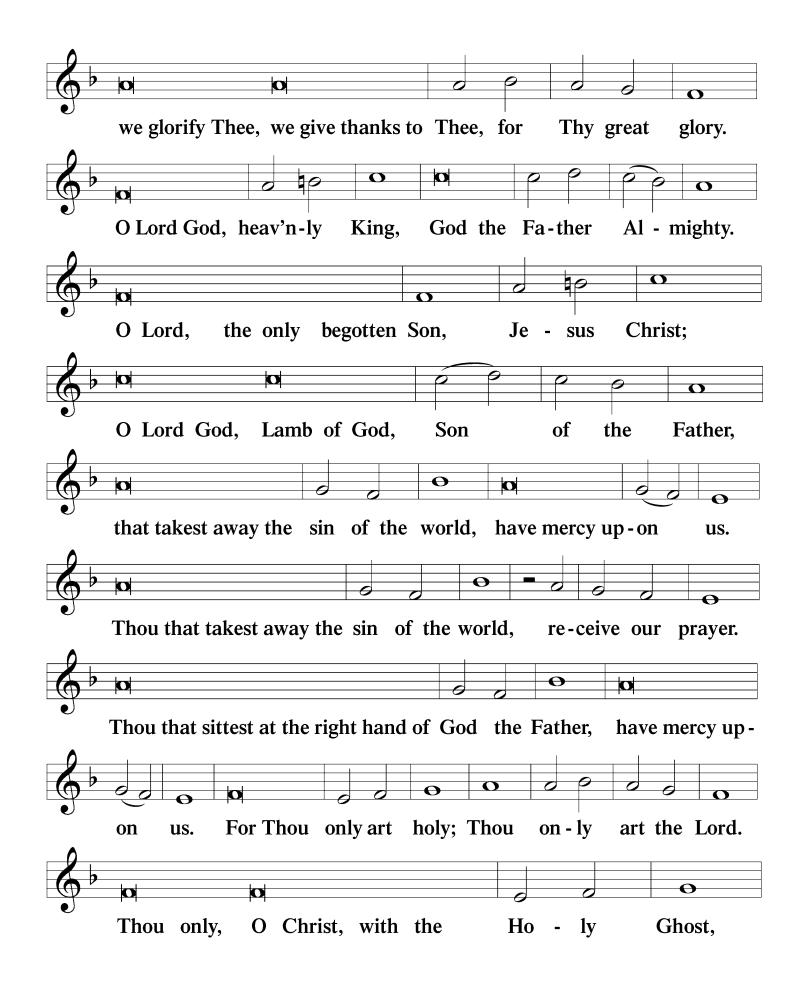
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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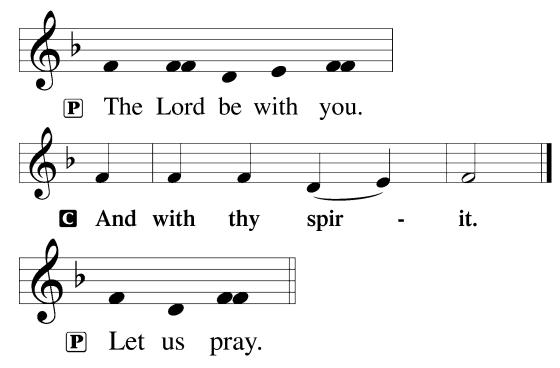
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### **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly Bread of Life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 16:2–15 (The Lord promises bread to rain from heaven.)

2 Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of (Continue on next page) 7 Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. 5 And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt. 7 And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints against the Lord. But what are we, that you complain against us?" 8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord."

9 Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your complaints." 10 Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. 14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

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# C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** *Psalm* 145:10–21

- P All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You.
- C They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,
- P To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
- C Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- P The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.
- C The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season.
- P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- C The Lord is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works.
- P The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.
- C He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.
- P The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.
- C My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

# **EPISTLE** Ephesians 4:1–16 (Guidance for living together in Christian harmony)

 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says:

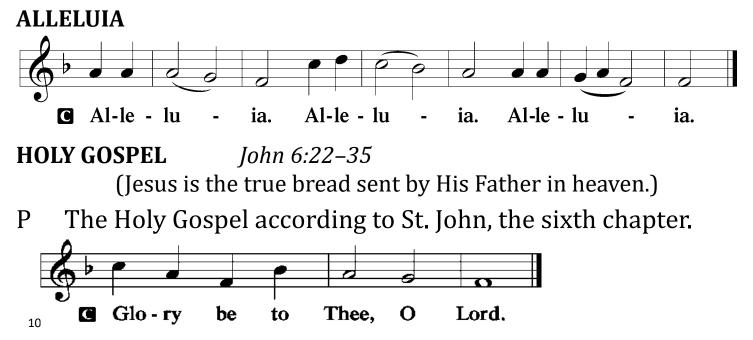
"When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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

Please stand



22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone— 23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— 24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



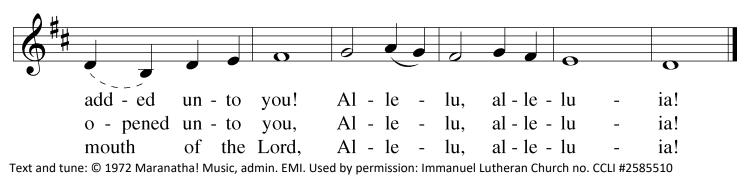
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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

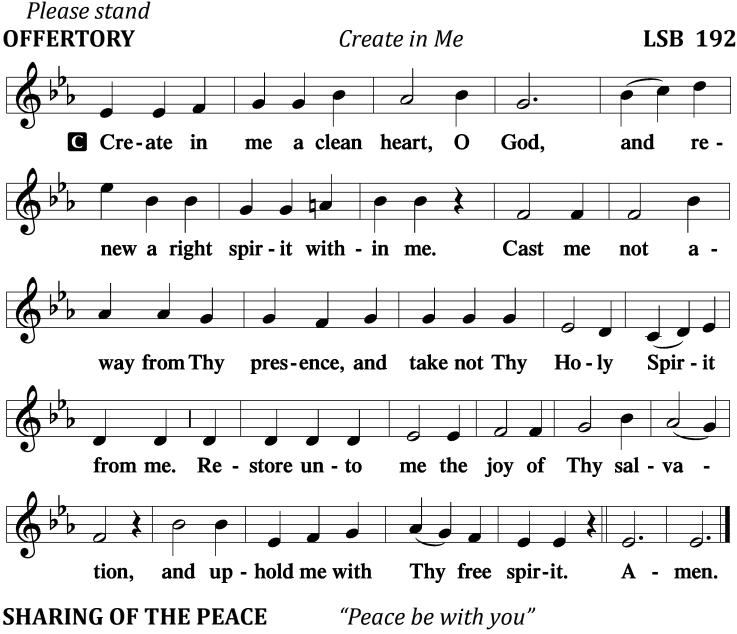
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Please sit HYMN OF THE DAY Seek Ye First LSB 712 1 Seek king - dom of His ve first the God. And giv - en un - to 2 Ask and it shall be you, Seek and 3 Man does not live bread by a lone, But by θ all these things shall righ teous ness. And be find. Knock and the door shall be shall ye That ceeds from the ev word 'ry pro \_



# **SERMON** *"The glorious works of God for all people"* John 6:26-29

### **OFFERING**



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# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

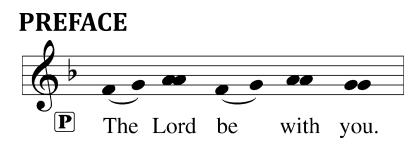
- (Response, LSB 780)
- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all Ρ people according to their needs, calling upon our gracious God.

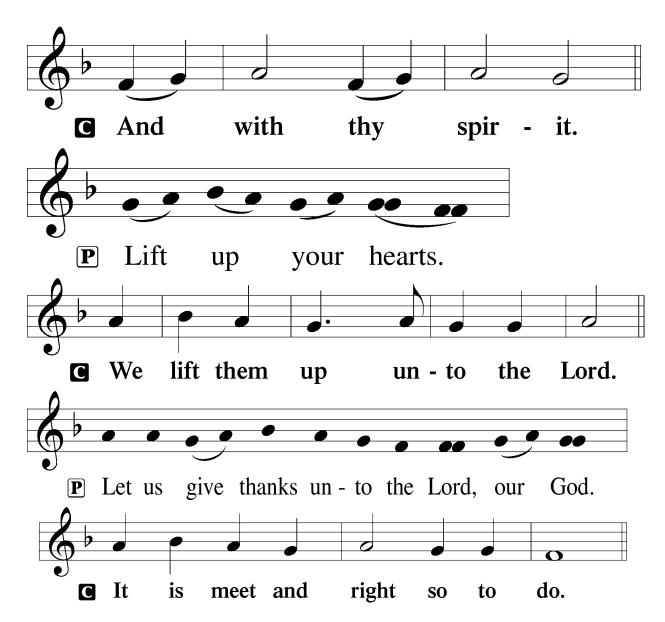
#### С O Lord, hear my prayer,

- Ρ We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of our Lord's wondrous works and deeds that have brought us salvation. We pray for this gathering of God's holy people, that we be blessed with all grace in the breaking of the bread and give evidence to the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.
- O Lord, hear my prayer, С
- Р We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship. We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or homebound, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.
- С O Lord, hear my prayer,
- Р Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now rejoice in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the everlasting feast in Your eternal kingdom. Amen.

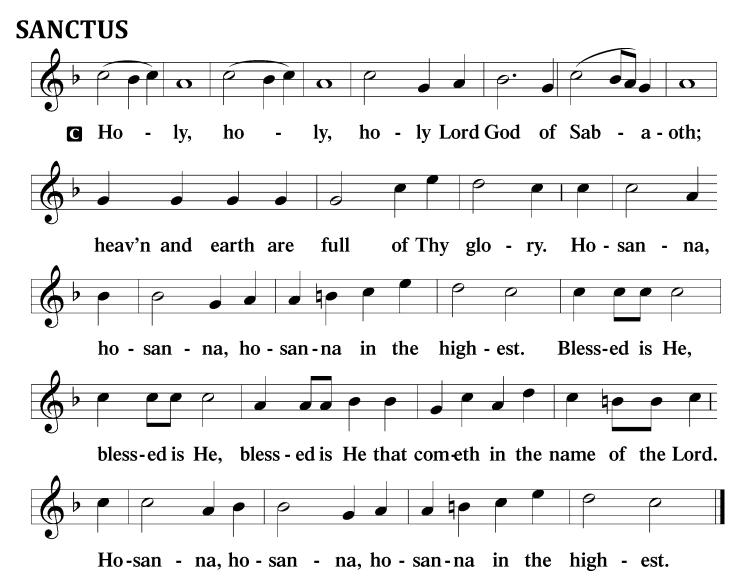
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# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





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 everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

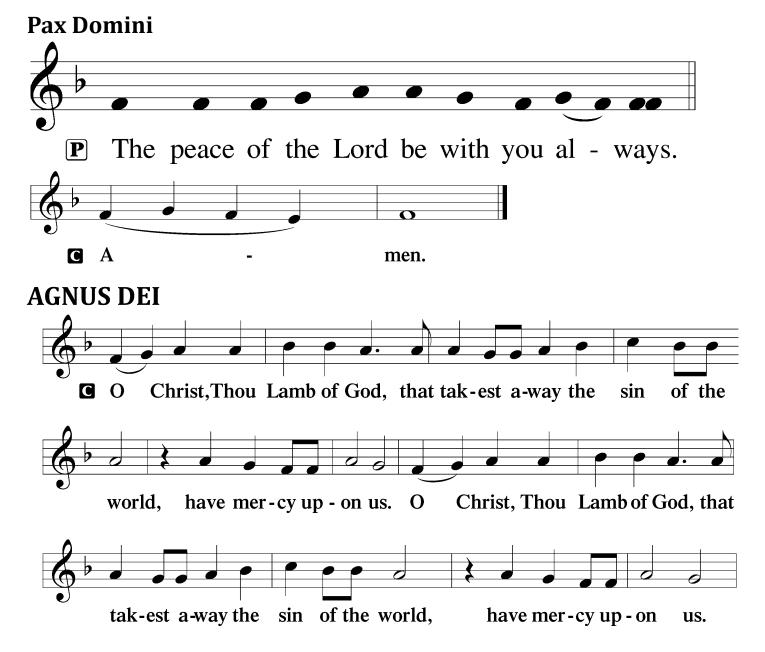
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



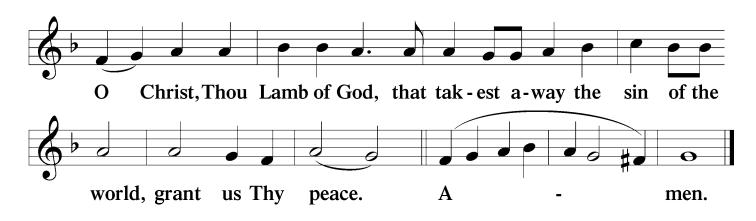
# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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### Please sit

# **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

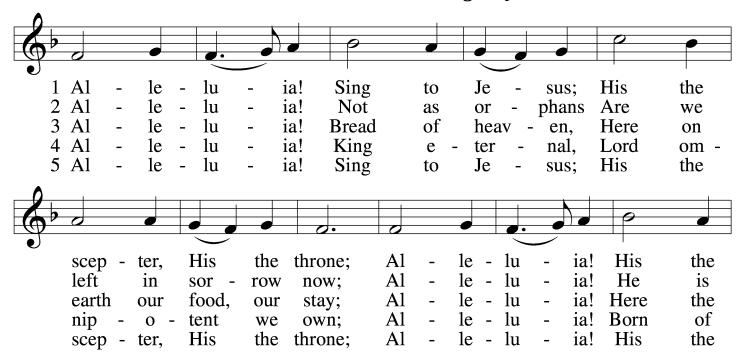
## SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.

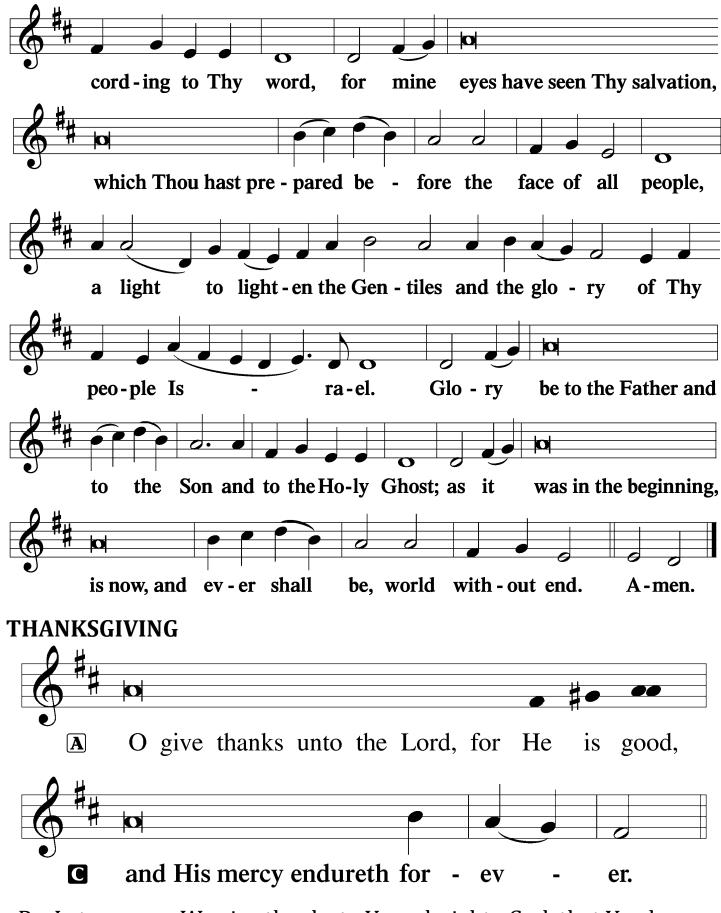
**COMMUNION HYMN** 

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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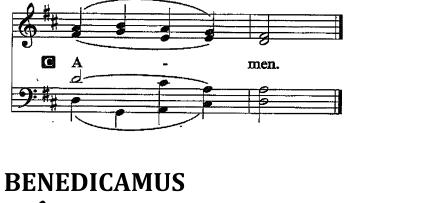


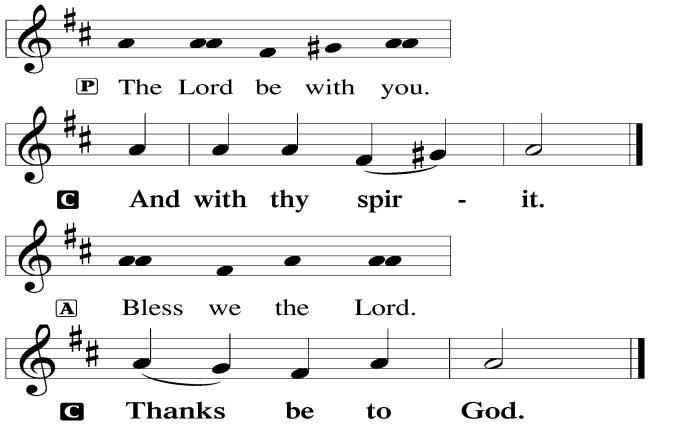


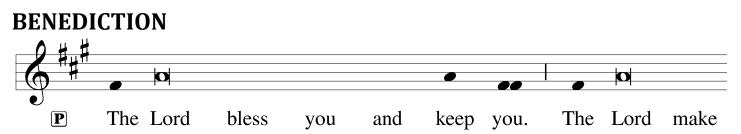


P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have

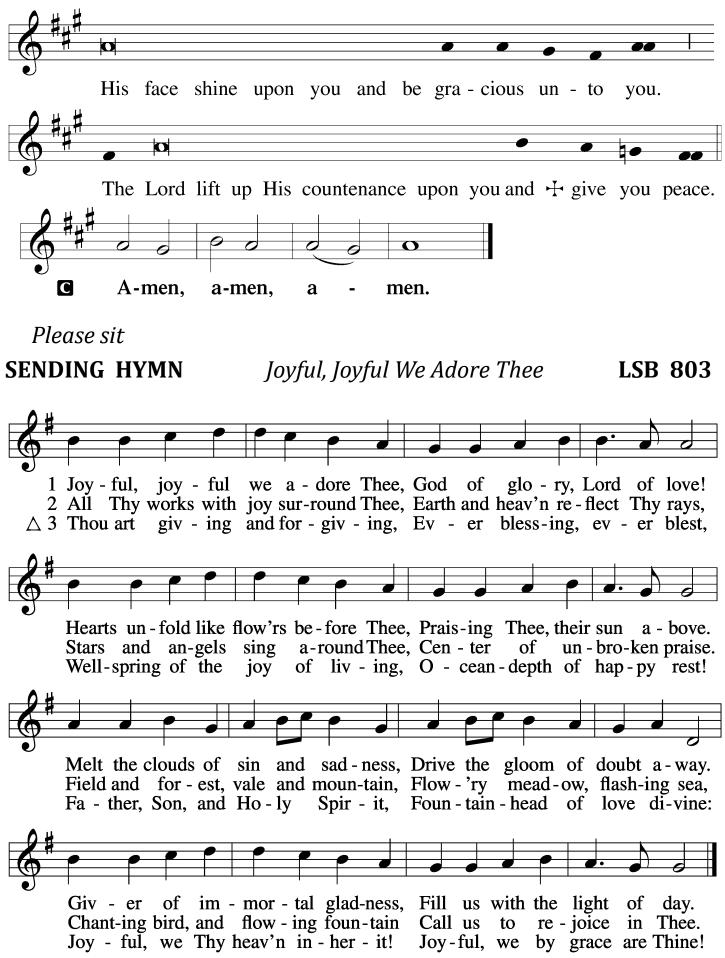
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







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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.

### <u>August Activities</u>

Family Confirmation Class Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

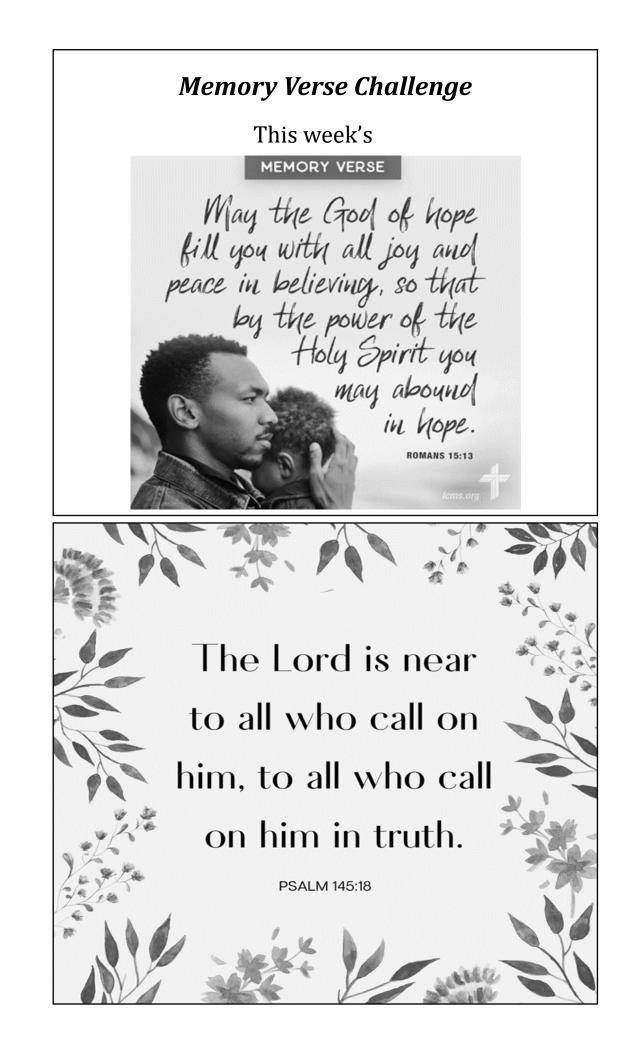
> **Elders' Meeting** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Immanuel Lutheran School

Meet the Teacher Sunday, August 18th 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Classroom #1

School Year 2024-2025 First Day of School Monday, August 19th 8:15 a.m.

Don't forget, join the Wehlings today @ 1:00 p.m.



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Bible Class:	16		\$ 13.00

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Readings: (Proper 14)

1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:17-5:2 John 6:35-51

### Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven

Having rescued Israel "out of the land of Egypt" (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with "meat to eat" in the evening and with "bread from heaven" in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the "true bread from heaven," which the Father gives to you, is the Son, "who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him "shall not hunger," and whoever believes in Him "shall never thirst." He is "the bread of life," who gives Himself to you as "the food that endures to eternal life" (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one Body of His Church, in which you "are to grow up in every way into him who is the head" (Eph. 4:15).

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