TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 6, 2023
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class Sunday School

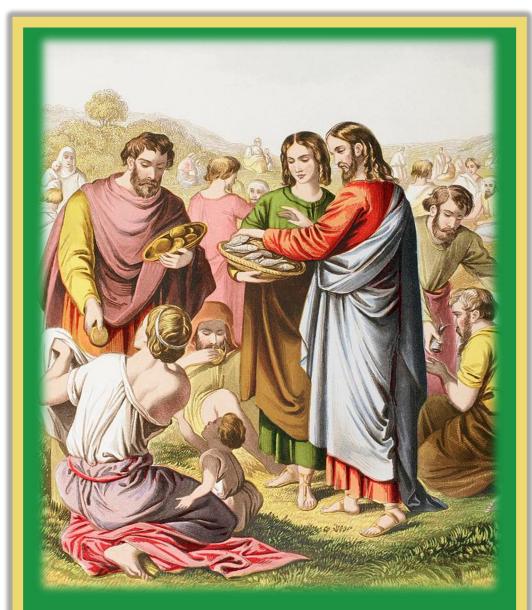
Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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"Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves

to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes."

(Matthew 14:19)

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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 Gracious God, You have promised me forgiveness, life, and salvation through Christ, my Lord. Help me to see myself as a child of Abraham by faith and acknowledge that Your blessings come to me undeservedly by grace; 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** Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as

His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

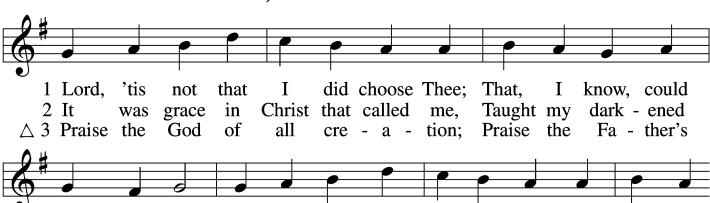
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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee LSB 573



this heart would still Thy For re - fuse Thee Had be: nev - er Thy and mind; Else the world had en-thralled me, yet ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me heav'n-ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee; King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed free this and set me And un - to Know - ing For Thy lone I thirst. well that, grace a Him Un - di - vid - ed by whom spir - its live. our



0 didst I love Thee. Thou. Lord. love me first. To the - ho - vah o - ra - tion great Je give.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

- P Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
- C He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night.
- P The people asked, and He brought quail, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

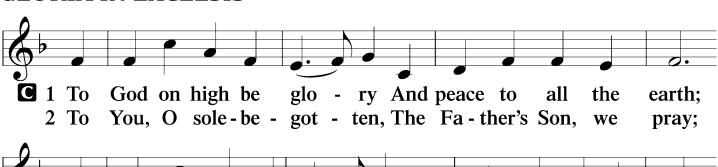
- \mathbf{C} He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a river.
- For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant. P
- \mathbf{C} He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.
- P Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cv.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a way.



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cy on us, cry,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high3 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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1–5*

(God offers an everlasting covenant to David.)

1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your

God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you."

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

PSALM *Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26*

- P Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.
- C Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- P Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.
- C Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:
- P To Him who alone does great wonders, for His mercy endures forever;
- C To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, for His mercy endures forever;
- P To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, for His mercy endures forever;
- C To Him who made great lights, for His mercy endures forever—
- P The sun to rule by day, for His mercy endures forever;
- C The moon and stars to rule by night, for His mercy endures forever.
- P Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

EPISTLE Romans 9:1–13

(We are included in the promise because we share Abraham's faith.)

1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the

flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. 6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect.

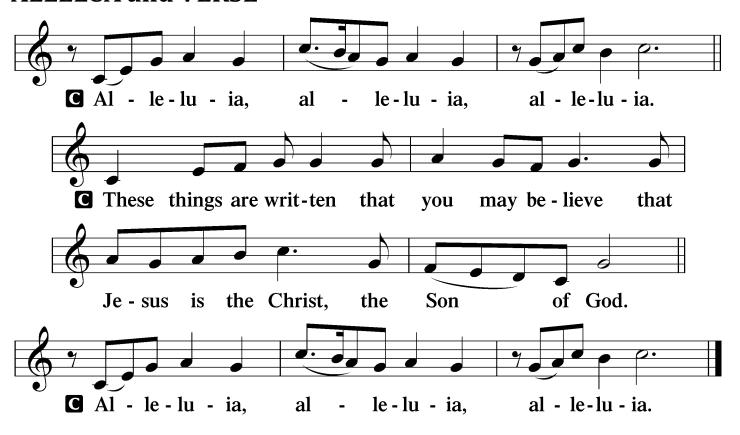
For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

10 And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac 11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." 13 As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

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

Please stand

ALLELUA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21 (The feeding of 5,000)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.
- 13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."
- 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."
- 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
- 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.

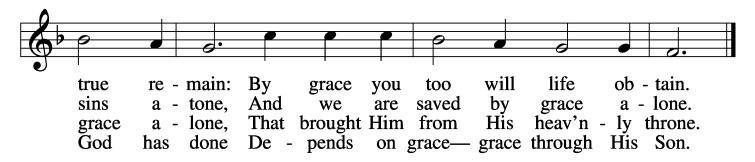
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.

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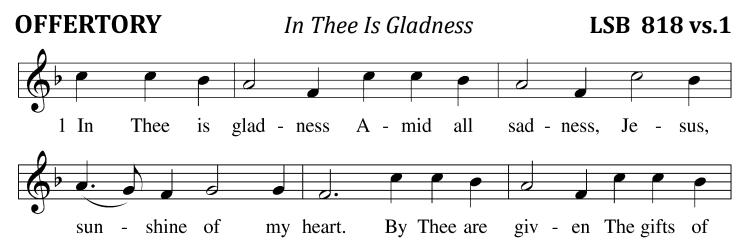
- By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried. By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

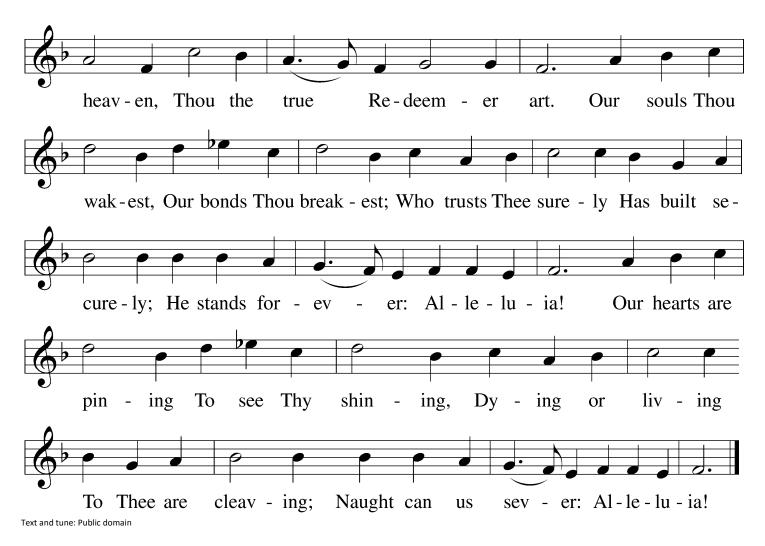
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SERMON "God's gracious calling to eternal salvation through His Word" (Romans 9:11)

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21)
(Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving.
 - For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.
- P For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.
- C Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.

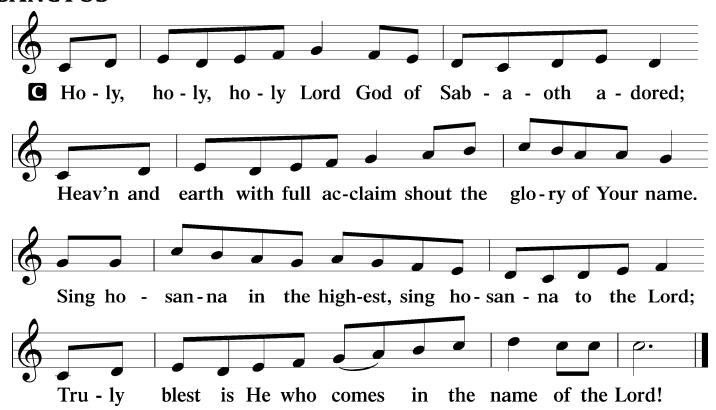
- P With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.
- C Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your stead fast love.
- P For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, [including . . .], that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.
- P We bring all these things to You in the name of 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

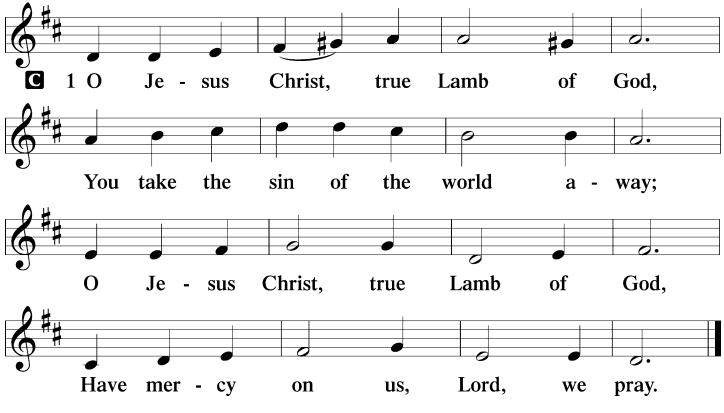
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- 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



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2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior LSB 619





Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gracious gift, and we ask that You would strengthen us through it 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.

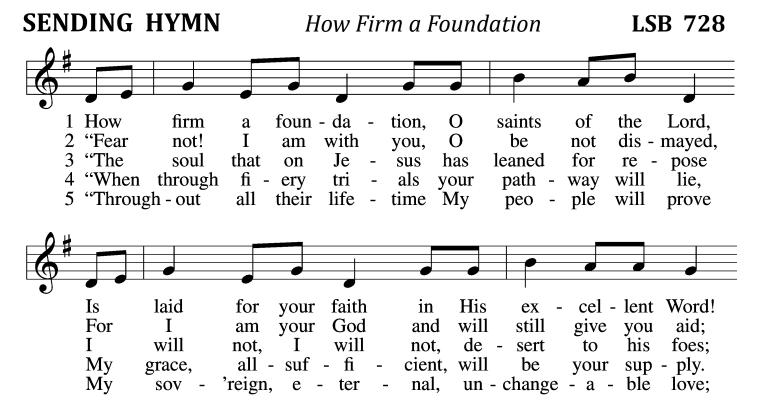
BENEDICTION

(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.

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes				
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From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for 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

Elders' Meeting, to be announced later!

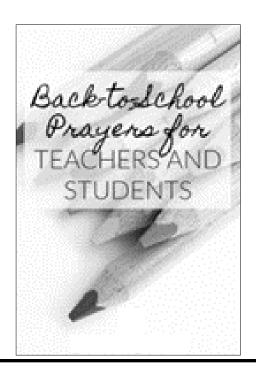
Immanuel Lutheran School

Meet the Teacher

Sunday, August 27th, 2023 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

First day of School

Monday, August 28th, 2023 Class begins at 8:15 a.m.



Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: **Ephesians 4:29**

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.



Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever" (Rom. 9:5), we are "the children of God" (Rom. 9:8), "not because of works but because of him who calls" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "listen diligently" and "hear, that your soul may live." By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "an everlasting covenant" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food" (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "said a blessing," broke the loaves, "and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces," there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

7/30/2023				
Sunday Worship		28	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	
Plate:		\$ 21.00	Readings:	
Envelopes:		\$ 1,598.00	1 1 20 4 40	
Memorials:			Job 38:4-18	
Dormitories Project		\$ 1,000.00	Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16)	
			Romans 10:5-17	
	Total:	\$ 2,619.00	Matthew 14:22-33	
Bible Class:	13	\$ 7.00		
	Bi-Weekl	y Church Activ	ity Schedule	
	August Sunday Servants:			
Elder:	Ken Eilers			
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	nday: Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am			
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am			
Next Week	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost			
Usher:	Ken Eilers			
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am			
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