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AFTER PENTECOST
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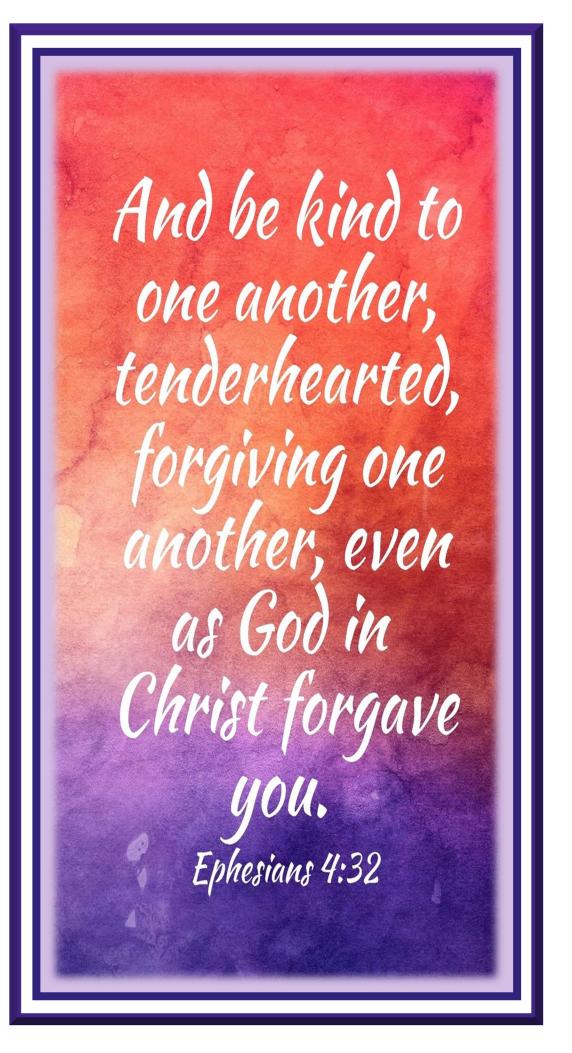
Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th 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 Lord God, defend Your Church from false teaching and error that I may continually trust in Your providential care. In all life's challenges, help me to keep a firm faith as I am fed Your good gifts of life and salvation through Jesus, the bread of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **AS WE GATHER** When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we speak in the Fourth Petition, "Give us this day our daily bread." We are reminded that "daily bread" includes everything we need for this body and life as we pray and give thanks for all the Lord provides regarding our well-being in this mortal life. Yet, we are never left to just be satisfied with

earthly things, as we will be taken from worldly provisions to His greater eternal gifts, which always last. It is why He sent His Son into this world, and why Jesus spoke to the people then and still to us today, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

OPENING HYMN Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies LSB 873



- 1 Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un ac com pa nied by Thee;
- 3 Vis it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Joy-less is the day's re-turn Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night. Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear. Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart. More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 34:8–10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

- P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- C Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
- P Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.
- C The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.
- P You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 19:1–8

(Elijah flees and the Lord feeds.)

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 34:1–8; antiphon: v. 3

P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name

together.

- C I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.
- C Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
- P I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- C They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.
- P This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- C The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.
- P Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2*

(New life as God's children)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in

Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

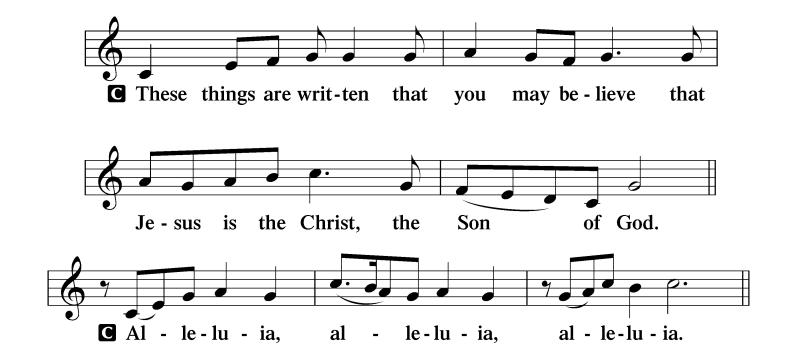
1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

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

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ALLELUIA and VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-51

(Jesus, the bread of life, continues teaching.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." 41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." 42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He

says, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

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

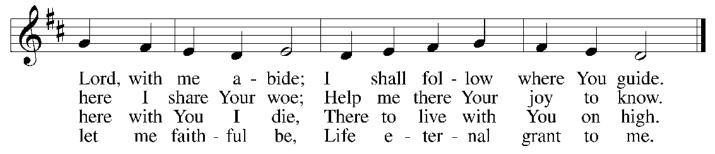
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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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SERMON "As Christ loved His church, so walk in His love" (Ephesians 5:1-2)

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank You, Lord, for our daily bread, for all we need in this body and life. Grant us hearts so moved to give as You have first given to us for the needs of others and in support of the work of Your kingdom. Through Your Means of Grace, keep us always fed with the grace and mercy of Your Son, the Living Bread from heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As Your servant Elijah fled out of fear and was fed and nourished by You, come to us in our times of fear and anxiety that we be fed with what lasts and sustains in our times of need. Be especially with those we name before You now, [including . . .]. Grant peace and healing, hope and health, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

As Jesus continued to teach the people of His day to know and see Him as He is, grant that we continually learn of Your love through Him as our Savior. Guide children, parents, families, and individuals to rejoice in Your Word here and in homes, that all be fed with Your life-giving grace through the work of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant that we faithfully receive and partake in the Living Bread that has come down from heaven with the assurance

of sins forgiven, faith nourished, and Your presence af firmed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added.

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your 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.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat utes still!
- 2 Or der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
- 3 As sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh. that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will! do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear. Let sin have no for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring And should I e'er sheep. heart or hands Of - fend a-gainst my Nor let my head or God.

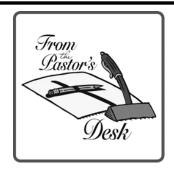
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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE





Portals of Prayer

for July to September 2021 are available in the Narthrex or office.



Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Tim Sorenson will be leading the class.



This week's memory verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

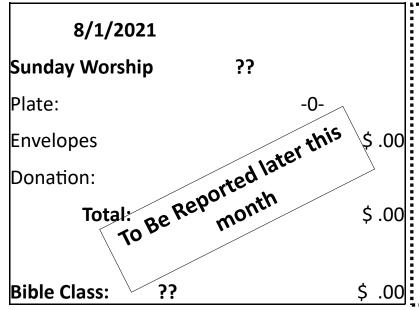
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	August Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Donna Jackson & Lorri Marchant	
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sun y:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am

The Lord Jesus Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life

God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He "draws" you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. "Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father" comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but "will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44-45). He is "the bread of life," who "comes down from heaven" in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and "live forever" (John 6:48–51). Although "the journey is too great for you," in the strength of this food you shall come to "the mount of God." Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but "arise and eat" (1 Kings 19:5–8). And "no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds" (Eph. 4:17), but "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us" (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been "created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, "be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Eph. 5:1), by "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:

Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:12-22 Ephesians 5:6-21 John 6:51-69