SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025 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: Every Sunday

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"The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light..." (Revelation 21:23-24)

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1)

Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you… this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17–34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Heavenly Father, my Lord Jesus has returned to You, but He promised me to live with Him in the new Jerusalem. Grant me, by Your Spirit, steadfastness of faith, so that I never doubt but will live each day in joyful expectation of seeing Him again; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. AS WE GATHER - It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

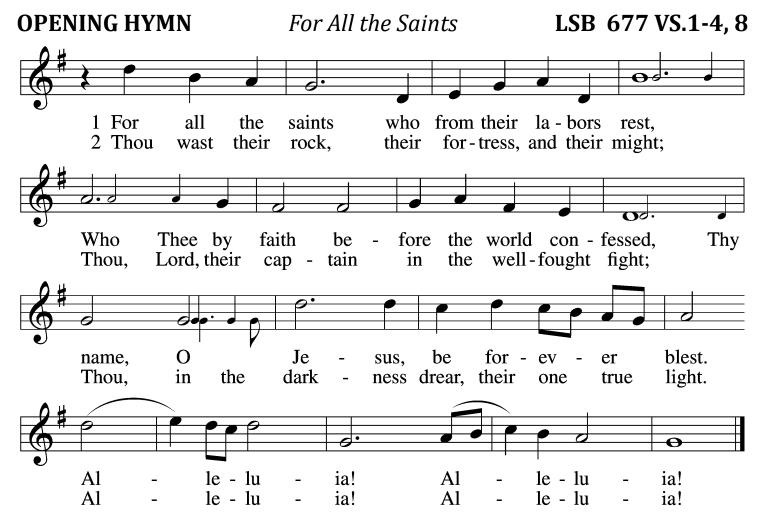
In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

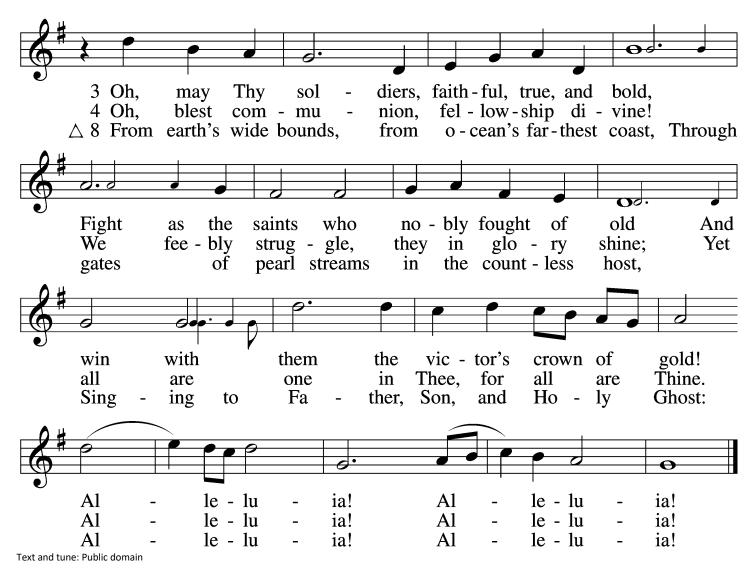
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

WELCOME





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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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- 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 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon, v. 16*

- P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.
- C Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
- P Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.
- C Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
- P Who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.
- C Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!
- P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

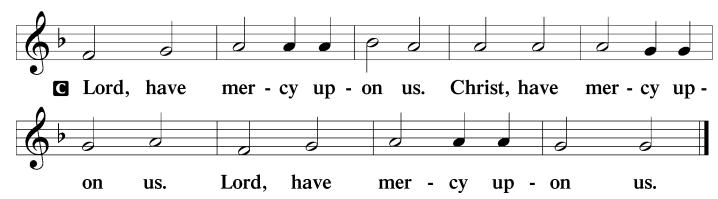
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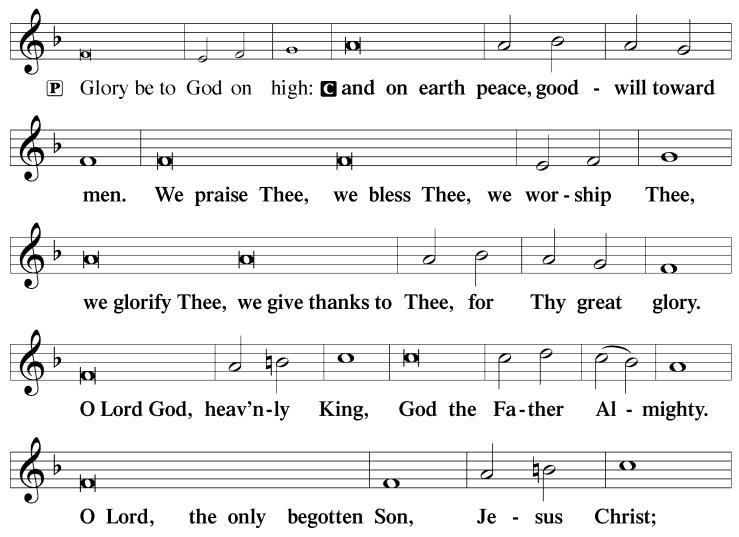


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

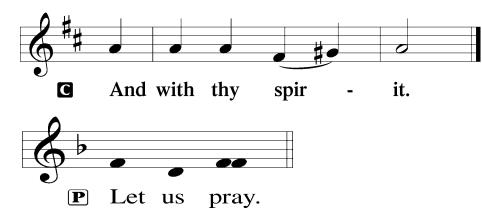
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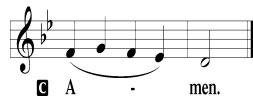
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

FIRST READINGActs 16:9–15

(Paul goes to Macedonia and baptizes Lydia.)

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

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

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3*

- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
- C God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us,
- P That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.
- C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
- P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.
- C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.
- P Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.
- C God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.
- P Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

EPISTLE Revelation 21:9–27 (John sees the heavenly Jerusalem.)

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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

Please stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL John 16:23–33 (Jesus prepares the disciples for His leaving them.)

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



23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have

believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." 29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



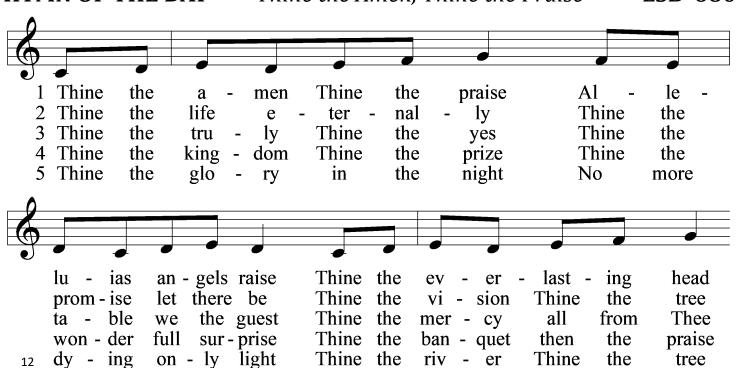
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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

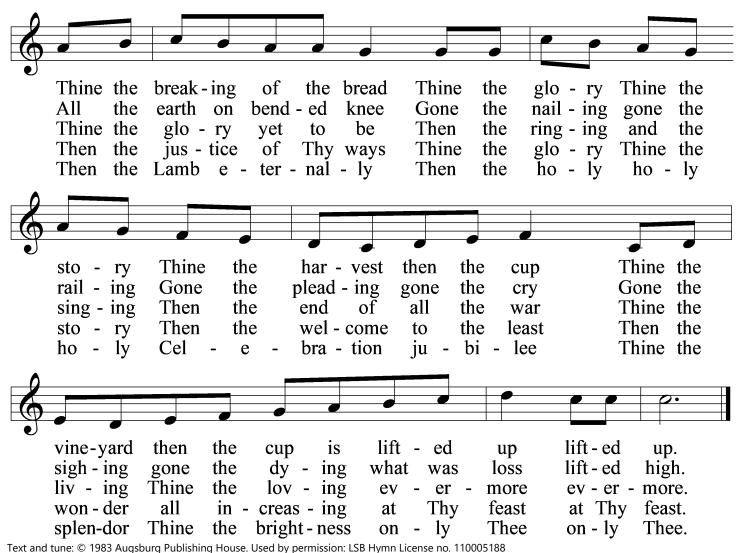
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

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HYMN OF THE DAY Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise **LSB 680**



SERMON *"Come see the Lamb's beautiful bride – the Holy Christian Church!"* Revelation 21:9

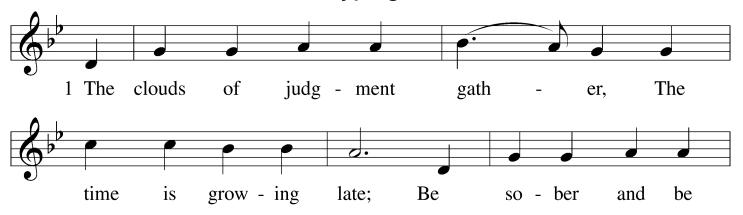
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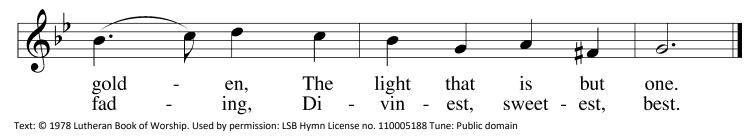
The Clouds of Judgment Gather

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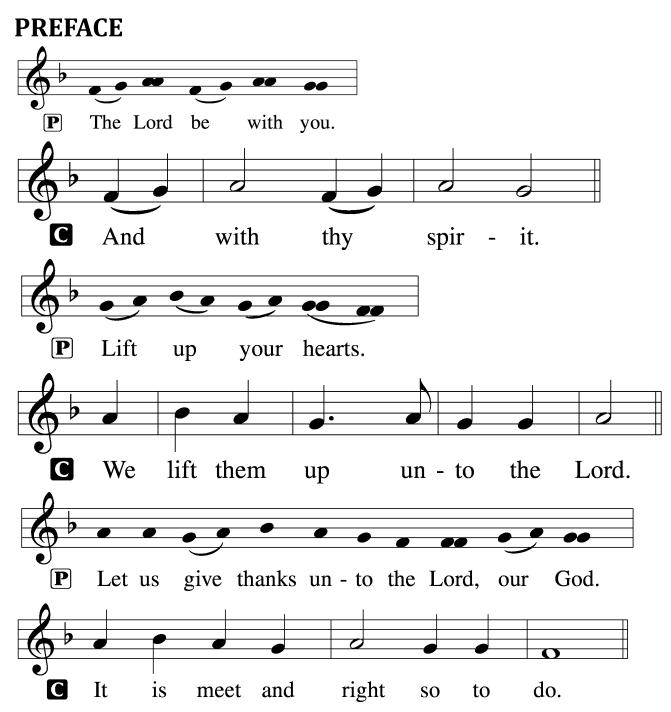
SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for all people, for the church, and for ourselves. Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we ask this in Jesus' name: Visit and relieve those many people who are denied what they need in food, clothing, or shelter. Grant relief to those languishing because of injustice or oppression. Surround the poor, sick, and dying with people to care for their various needs. Open doors of opportunity for faith-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that they may care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people around them with Your protection and guidance.
- C Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.
- P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we are as children, only asking for what You deem best. Listen to our deep longings, our unspoken yearning, and the circumstances of our own lives. In Your mercy and love, assure us of Your presence despite whatever ills we might have. Be with those near and dear to us who call out for healing, strength, and comfort, [especially . . .]. Assure them of Your presence even now.
- C Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.
- P We give thanks, heavenly Father, for the faith Your Holy Spirit has placed within us. We know the promise of heaven and long for the new Jerusalem. We, like John, look forward to that new Jerusalem, and like Lydia, have heard the Good News of our Savior and rejoice. We are confident that Your ears are open to our requests for ourselves, our circle of friends and family, and all the faithful who gather with us. Answer our prayers as fits Your plans for us, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.
- C Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.

- P We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

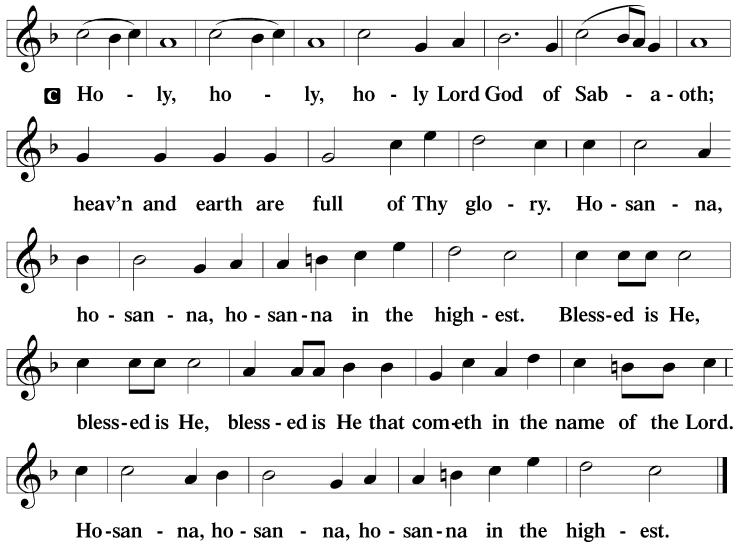
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By

His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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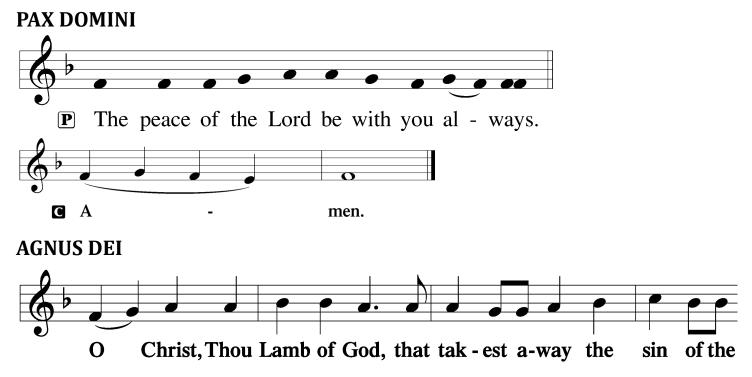
LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

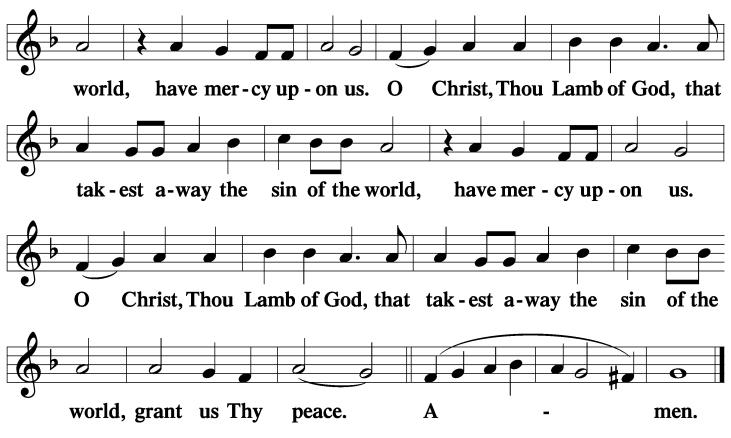
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



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."
- 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."





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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.



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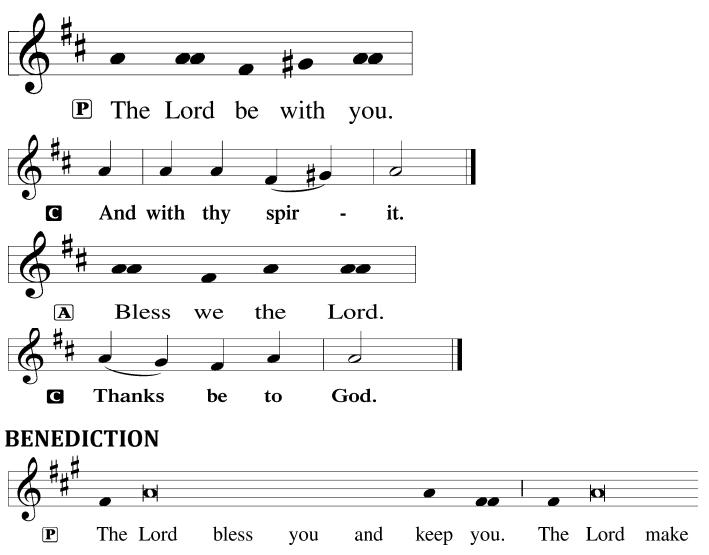
Please stand **NUNC DIMITTIS** O lettest Thou Thy servant de - part Lord, now in peace ac-O cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, 0 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy O peo-ple Is Glo - ry be to the Father and ra-el. O the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, to 0 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men. THANKSGIVING O 10 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **A** O and His mercy endureth for C ev er.

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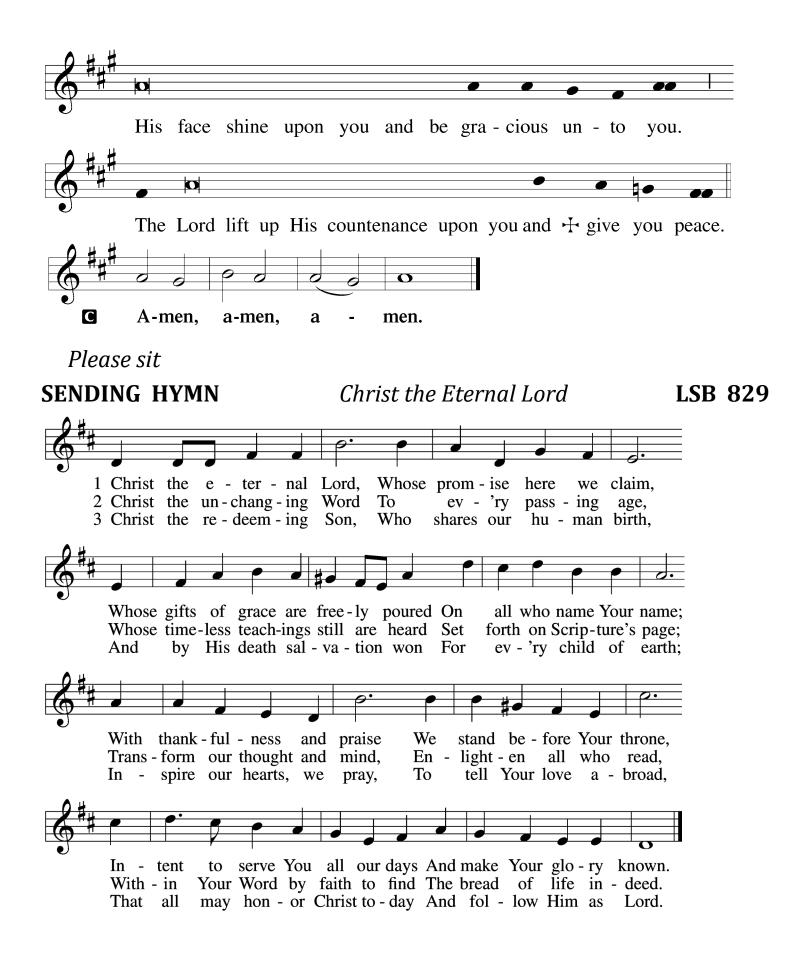
P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

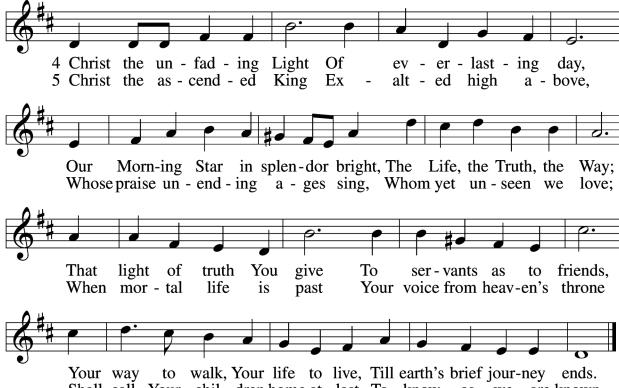


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Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known. Text: © 1999 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License n. 110005188 Tune: Public domain

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Voters have agreed to ask for a \$25 offering to cover the cost of the annual subscription to the <u>Lutheran Witness Magazine</u>. If you would like to continue receiving it or begin receiving it, please fill out the <u>green envelope</u>; and return it by placing in the offering plate or to any of the Elders. Thank you.

Portals of Prayer for <u>April to June 2025</u> 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.

May Activities

- > Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th Office Closed.
- > Graduation/Promotion Ceremony Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. <u>Congregation is invited</u>; there will be a light Reception, following the Ceremony.

Immanuel Lutheran School

- > Memorial Day May 26,2025 (No Classes)
- <u>> Graduation/Promotion Ceremony</u> Thursday, May 29,2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- > Last Day of School , Reverse Day (Lock-In) Friday, May 30, 2025 from 4 to 10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Memory Verse Challenge: This Week's

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

| 5/11/2025 | |
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| Sunday Worship | 48 |
| Plate: | \$ 3,150.00 |
| Envelopes: | \$ 1,930.00 |
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| Sunday Worship | 27 | | | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
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| Sixth Sunday |
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We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | | | |
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| | May Sunday Servants: | | | | |
| Elder: | Don Vogel | | | | |
| Altar Guild: | Billie Jo Neuhaus/ Maggie Weber | | | | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | | | | |
| This Week | Sixth Sunday of Easter | | | | |
| Usher: | Dan Wehling | | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am | | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am | | | |
| Next Week | Seventh Sunday of Easter | | | | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am | | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am | | | |