

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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:**

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

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**8 am to 12 pm**

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**“Then the master of that  
servant was moved  
with compassion,  
released him, and for-  
gave him the debt.  
(Matthew 18:27)**

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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** - O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that I may with all boldness and courage bring to You my petitions with the assurance that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving my trespasses and granting me Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come. This I ask 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** - God's creation is filled with amazing creatures, some of which dedicate their lives to making peoples' lives fuller and better. Since 1942, the Guide Dogs for the Blind association has graduated more than 16,000 person and dog teams from its training programs. The canine guides assist their human teammates each day of their lives together. The guidance they give is expert and dependable. Good guidance in every stage of life is

essential! Throughout Scripture, our Lord promises His presence and His divine guidance to sustain and direct His people. Paul summed up that blessed relationship very simply: “So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s” (Romans 14:8). Seeking the Lord’s guidance and responding to His promptings brings blessing to our lives!

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

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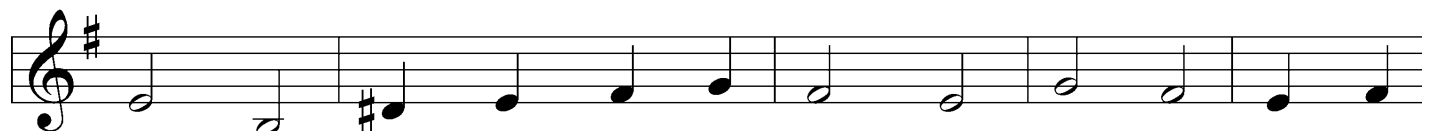
**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Lord, to You I Make Confession*

**LSB 608**



1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
 3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
 4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the



gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,



Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it



see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
 sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
 lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
 leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

*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 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9*

P Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter.

C **Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness.**

P Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous.

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter.

## KYRIE



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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;



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



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



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with your spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the Author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Genesis 50:15–21* *(Joseph and his brothers)*

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13*

P As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him.

**C Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

**C Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,**

P Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

**C Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

P The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

**C He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.**

P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

**C He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

**C For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**

P As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 14:1-12*

*(We belong to the Lord.)*

1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## ALLELUA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:21–35*

(The parable of the servant who would not forgive)

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

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

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So

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when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

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.**

*Please sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

**LSB 611**



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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**SERMON** *“The compassionate heart that forgives repentant sinners without limit!”* (Matthew 18:27)

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

**LSB 609; vs. 5-7**



5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let  
6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I  
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have



my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow  
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease  
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,



By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I  
And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my  
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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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

*(LSB 857)*

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

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together.

**C** Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead and, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

P We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel may have free course in every land. We bless You for the dedicated service of missionaries and deployed church workers in so many places around the globe. Grant that their service may meet with success and be filled with joy.

**C You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow'r You laid aside. You lived Your years in servanthood; in lowliness You died.**

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we be always ready to listen to others and to grant our forgiveness when it is needed. As we live in community together, grant that we never take others for granted but rather that we encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

**C No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.**

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and not known to us, [especially . . .]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places, even when that service requires devotion and sacrifice on our part.

**C You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above the lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.**

P 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 share in Your eternal presence. We thank You for the times when forgiveness, offered by others, has blessed and sustained us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**C Amen.**

**Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead  
and, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.**

## **+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, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

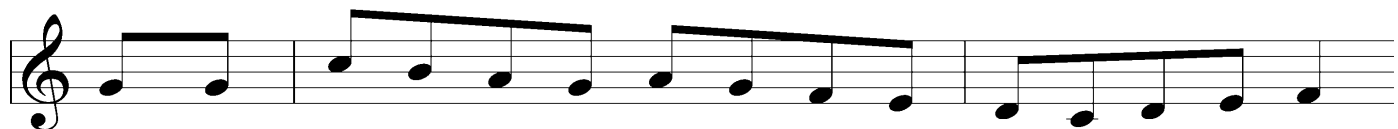
### **SANCTUS**



**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;**



**Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.**



**Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;**



Tru - ly      blest    is He who comes    in the name    of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As our comforter and guide, send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

## 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."

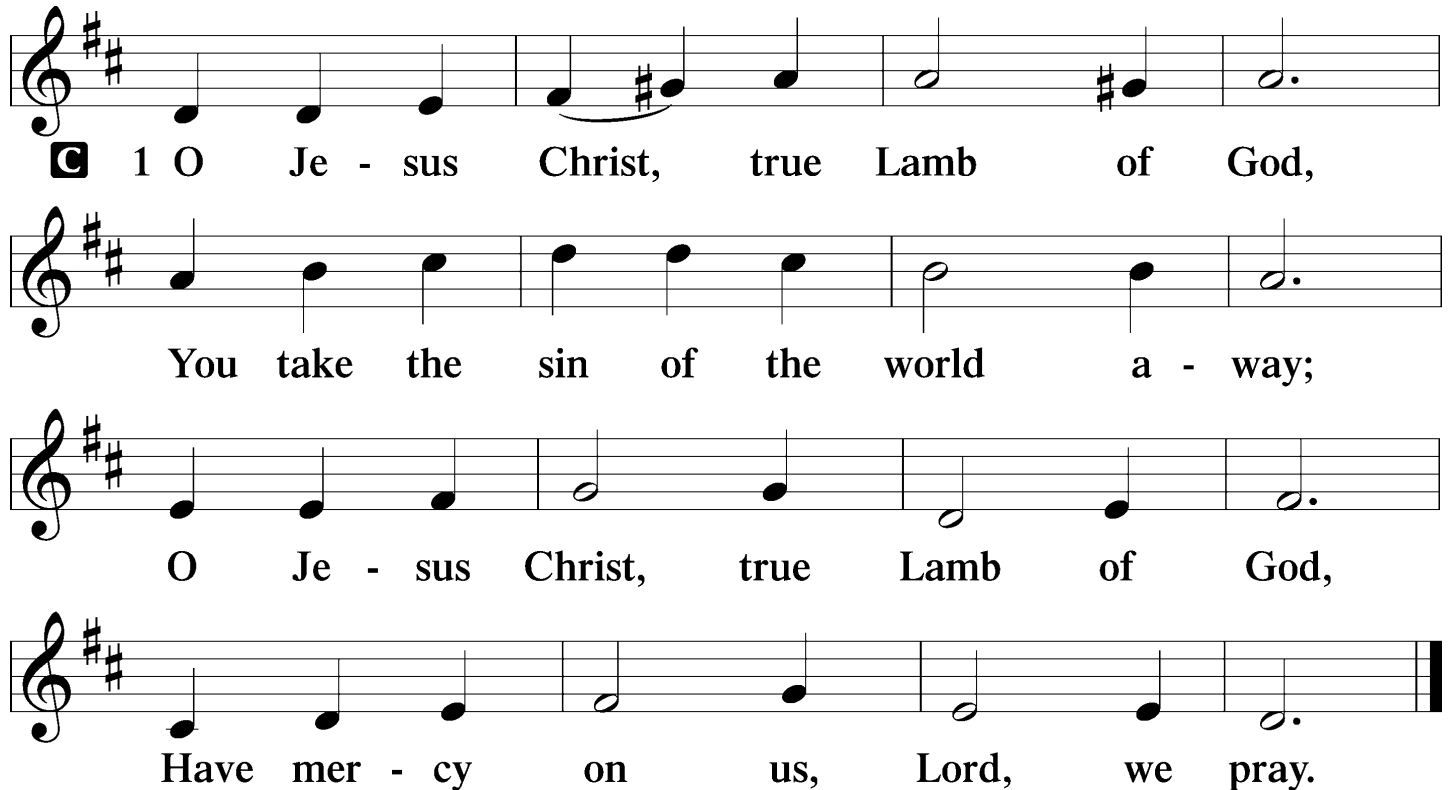
**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

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.



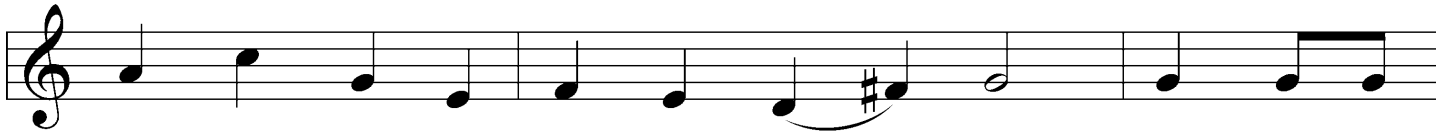
COMMUNION HYMN

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

LSB 617



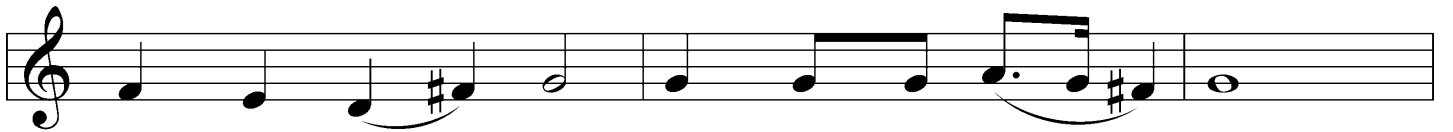
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



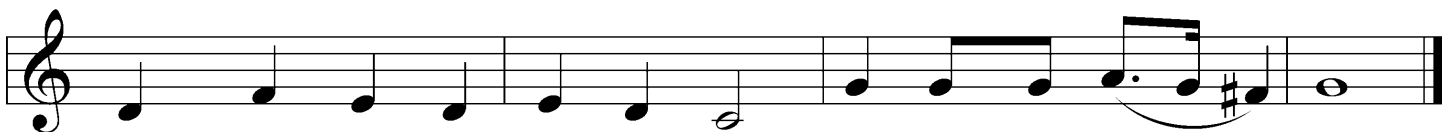
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



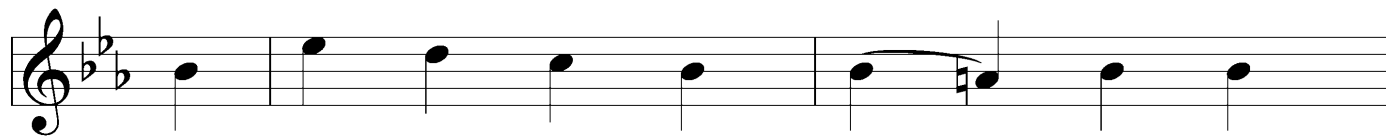
**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



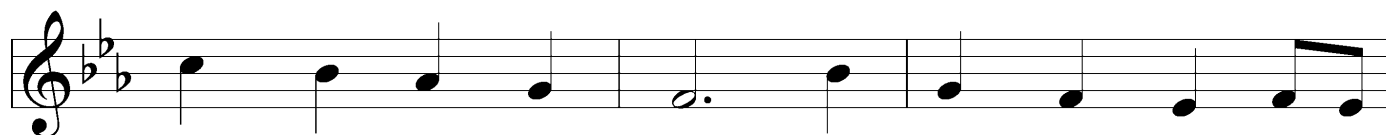
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



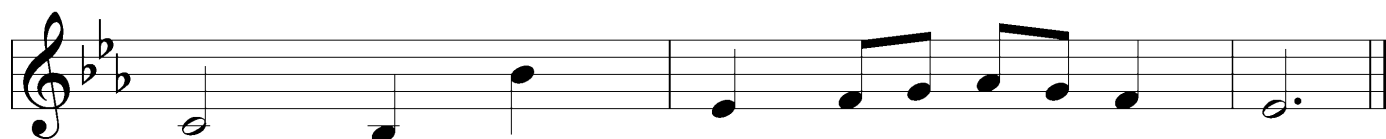
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that, through the gift imparted to us, in this present life we be guided in ways of peace and may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

**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.**

*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

**LSB 814**



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His belovèd Son.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

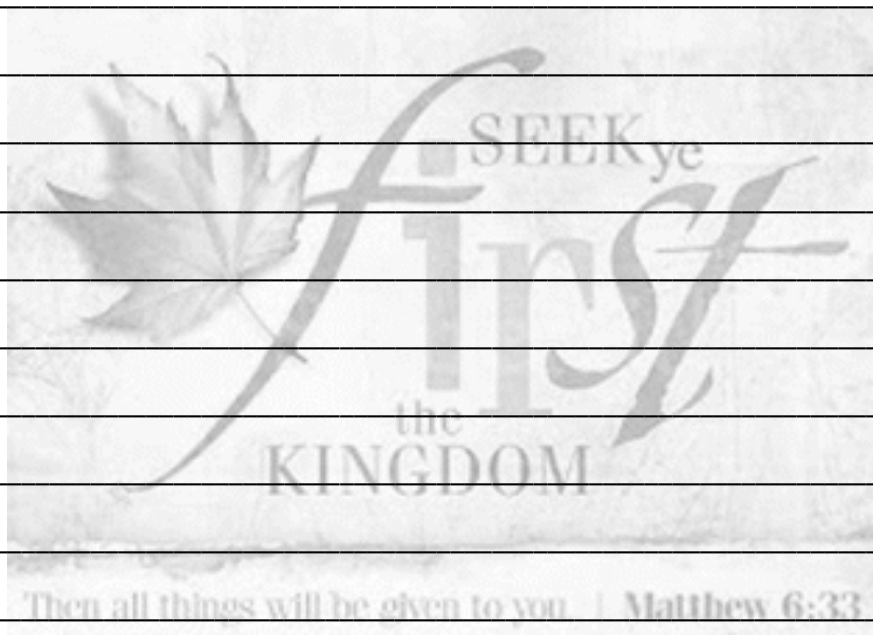
## **POSTLUDE**



Psalm 103:1

Bless the Lord,  
O my soul:  
and all that is  
within me,  
bless his holy  
name.

*Sermon Notes*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Portals of Prayer for October to December 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.***

### **September Activities**

***Circuit Conference  
Tuesday, September 19th  
at 8:30 a.m.  
in Raymondville, TX***



### ***Memory Verse Challenge***

***This week's memory verse: 1 Samuel 12:24***

***Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart.  
For consider what great things he has done for you.***

## Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

<p><b>9/10/2023</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Worship</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>32</b></span></p> <p>Plate: \$ .00</p> <p>Envelopes: \$ .00</p> <p>Memorials:</p> <p>On-line \$ .00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total:</b> \$ .00</p> <p>Bible Class: <b>13</b> \$ 16.00</p>	<p><b><i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:</i></b></p> <p><i>Isaiah 55:6-9</i></p> <p><i>Psalms 27:1-9</i></p> <p><i>Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30</i></p> <p><i>Matthew 20:1-16</i></p>
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<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
September Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am