

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 JESUS SAID TO HIS
DISCIPLES, "IF ANYONE
DESIRES TO COME AFTER ME,
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND
TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND
FOLLOW ME.

MATTHEW 16:24

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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.

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 - Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross to redeem His enemies and make them His friends. Grant me courage to take up my cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - "Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). The prophet Jeremiah did not praise God with such words because his life was super easy. No, Jeremiah rejoiced in the Lord even as his life had plenty of problems. Why such delight in difficulty? Surrounded by evil in this world, like Jeremiah, we cling to the God who is good, learning to trust His Word as the means by which we receive His deliverance from our enemies of sin and death. The living, active, delightful voice of our Savior guarantees His ongoing presence in

our life. Because of this, we rejoice! As we gather in the presence of Jesus this day, let us echo Jeremiah's anthem of praise:

"Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart!"

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

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

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

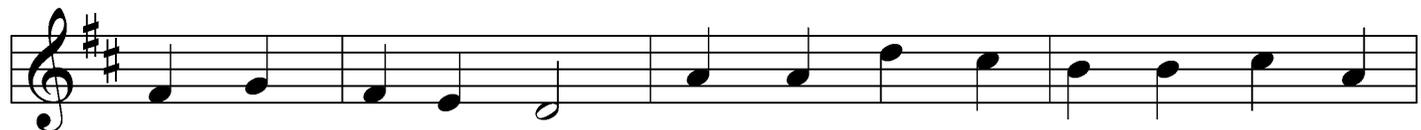
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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

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3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

P Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.**

P He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C **Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.**

P Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

KYRIE



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

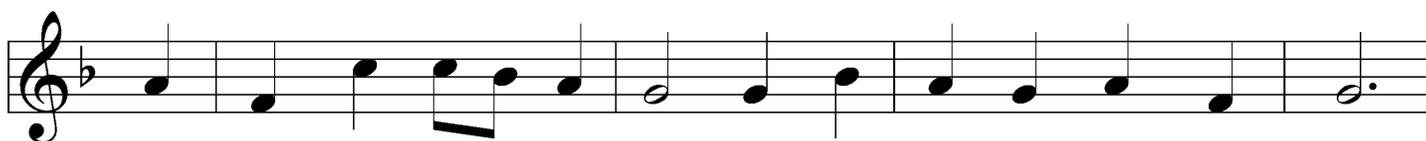
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony

and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads. Delighting in Your goodness to us, we ask for this in the name of Your Son, 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 *Jeremiah 15:15–21*

(“I am with you to save you and deliver you.”)

15 O Lord, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, for You have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus says the Lord:

“If you return, then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; if you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and deliver you,” says the Lord. 21 “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8*

(“Your steadfast love is before my eyes.”)

P Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

C Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip.

P Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart.

C For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.

P I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, nor will I go in with hypocrites.

C I have hated the assembly of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

P I will wash my hands in innocence; so I will go about Your altar, O Lord,

C That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.

P Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

C Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with blood thirsty men,

P In whose hands is a sinister scheme, and whose right hand is full of bribes.

C But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful to me.

P My foot stands in an even place; in the congregations I will bless the Lord.

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 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

EPISTLE*Romans 12:9-21*

("Overcome evil with good.")

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.



☐ 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 16:21-28

(Losing life and finding it in Christ.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow

Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. 28 Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

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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HYMN OF THE DAY *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake* **LSB 688**



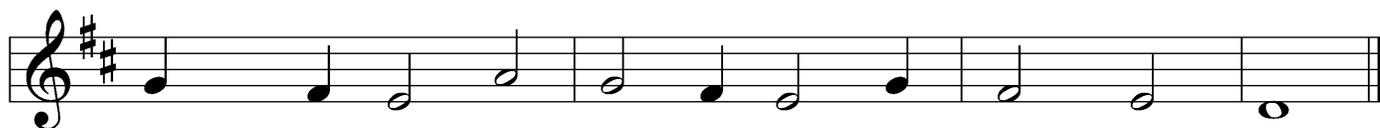
1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.

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3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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SERMON *“Three commands to the confessor of Christ”*
(Matthew 16:24)

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY *Praise to You and Adoration* **LSB 692**



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



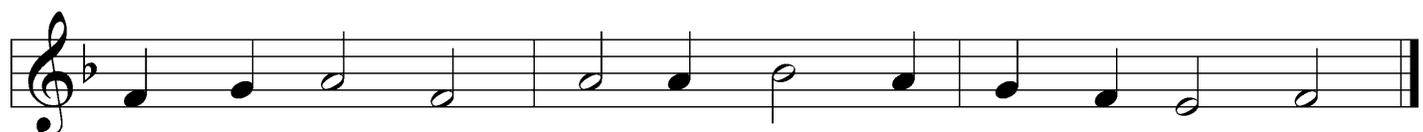
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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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 Remember the call of God through Paul in Romans 12:12:

C "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

P Rejoicing in God's promise to hear our prayers, we delight ourselves in Him, even in the difficulties of life. Together let us give voice to our constant prayers.

Heavenly Father, You alone have the power to redeem Your enemies and make them friends. In the mercy of Jesus, who has claimed us as His own, enable us to show love to our enemies, heaping Your grace upon them. As You have loved us even though we never deserve it, help us to do the same to others in our lives. In Your love, O Lord,

C help us to love as You have first loved us.

P Lord Jesus, our hearts delight in Your goodness despite the evil of this fallen world. You entered into our midst because of Your mission to seek and save the lost. We join with You in this mission, Lord, commissioned by Your Gospel to make known among the

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nations what You have done. Restore us, renew us, and lead us!
We delight in the new life You have given to all who trust in You. In
Your joy, O Lord,

C help us to rejoice in all things.

P Spirit of truth, You resuscitate what is dead, mend what is broken,
and overcome what is evil with the goodness found only in You.
Turn us again and again to Your mercy that we, having received it
from You, may then extend it to others. Work mightily through
each of us in our vocations at church, home, work, and society. Fill
the hearts and minds of all who need Your wisdom and
discernment, equipping them for the challenges they face.
Through it all, instill in us Your peace to guard our hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus. In Your peace, O Lord,

C help us to be peacemakers.

P Be near to those who are broken in heart, body, and mind.
Comfort the lonely and renew the spirit of those who despair.
Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. Let those who walk
through the desert of difficulty discover the oasis of Your living
water. Hear the prayers we offer for those in our family of faith
who need Your healing mercies, [including . . .]. Your caring love
for us is genuine and eternal. In Your care, O Lord,

C help us to care for others.

P To You, gracious Father, be all the glory, honor, and praise, in Christ
Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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 delivers us from death and the grave so that we may take up our cross and delight in You. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

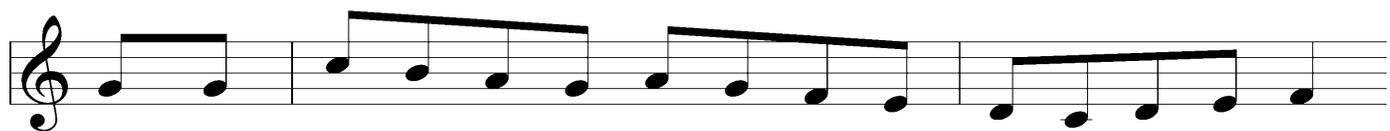
SANCTUS



C 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, Lord of heaven and earth! Our hearts delight in You! Your words give us joy, assuring us of the victory of the cross, where Your Son conquered both sin and death. Gathered in the name of Jesus, we remember Your steadfast love, new to us every morning! Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we honor and praise You, O Lord, rejoicing in the goodness You now prepare our hearts to receive.

Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and in the words He has taught us:

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 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* **LSB 620**

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."

- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your servant 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. O God the Father, the source of all goodness, who in perfect love sent Your only begotten Son into this world to deliver us, we delight in the mercy we have here received. Thank You for the sacred sharing of His body and blood and for the joy that is ours in Christ, even amid the difficulties of this life. As we have received, so may we give, extending to others the grace You

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have for all; 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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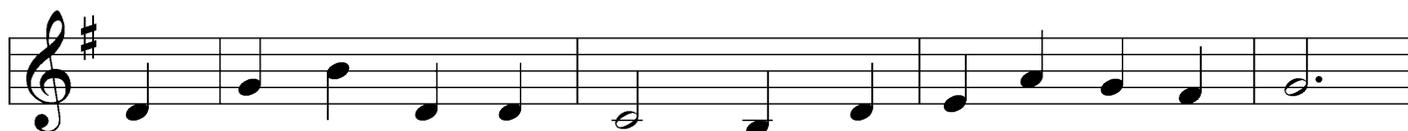
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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

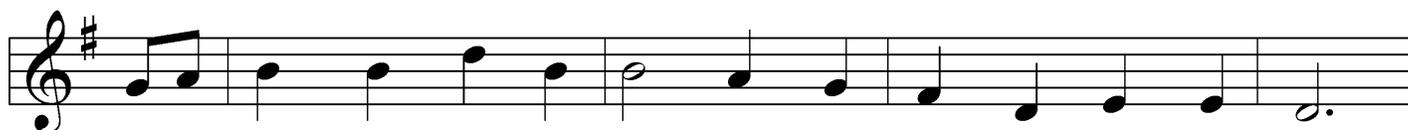
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1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

September Activities

Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, Labor Day.

Elders' Meeting, September 5th, 2023 @9:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Harlingen

Free Educational Seminar via livestream, "How Medicare Works and Protecting Yourself and Others against Financial Fraud and Scams"

Saturday, September 9th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

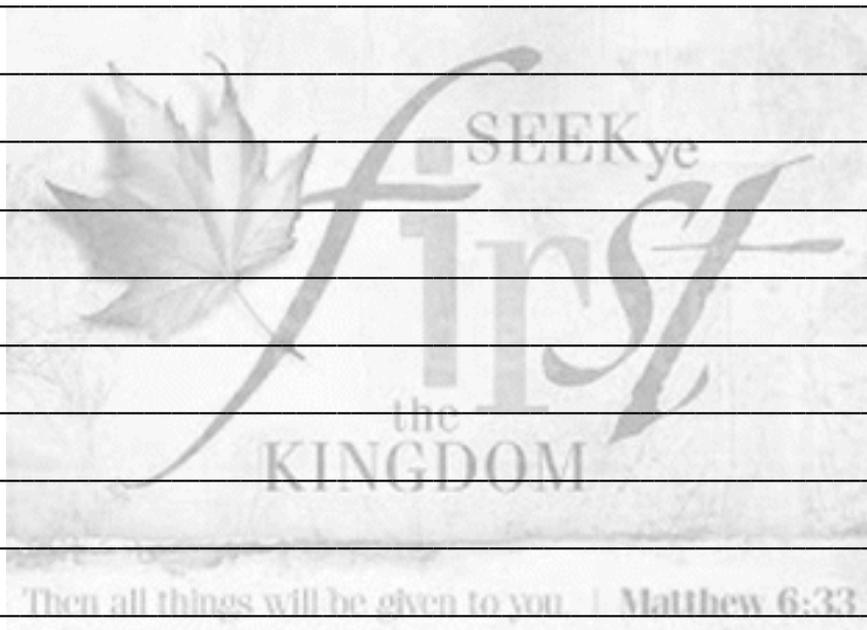
RSVP St. Paul church office at church@splch.com or call 956-423-3924

LWML Zone Meeting, September 9th, 2023

at 12:30 p.m. at Olive Garden in Harlingen

Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 10th

Sermon Notes



Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: 2 John 6

This is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.



The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

8/27/2023			<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Readings:</i> <i>Ezekiel 33:7-9</i> <i>Psalms 32:1-7</i> <i>Romans 13:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 18:1-20</i>
Sunday Worship	29		
Plate:	\$	74.00	
Envelopes:	\$	5,473.00	
Memorials:			
On-line	\$	500.00	
	Total:	\$ 6,047.00	
Bible Class:	15	\$ 18.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
September Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Ken Eilers	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am