

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**



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9:00 A.M.
Worship Service**

**10:30 A.M.
Adult Bible Class/
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**Holy Communion:
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**“The baptism of John—
where was it from?
From heaven or from men?”
Matthew 21:25**



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

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 - Almighty God, I thank You for the gift of life in this world, for my body and soul, but especially for restoring Your original design of eternal life through the sacrifice of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. For me who has been baptized into His death, You have transformed death to be but the gate to the day of resurrection to eternal life. Help me to hold fast to the Word of life and live to Your praise and glory; through 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 - From the beginning, God implanted His life-creating power into His creation with the command “Be fruitful and multiply” to animals (Genesis 1:22) and to humans (1:28), with one important difference. You are not an accident or only a product of biology. Every human being is a personal soul. So we confess, “I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them” (Small Catechism, Creed, Explanation of the First Article). Because of our inherited sin, however, “the soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). Nevertheless, God’s design is for life—eternal life. He declares, “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone” (18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Therefore, “we preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:23–24). Christ died to sin for you. By Holy Baptism, you died with Christ and are raised to new life in Him. The love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Father’s declaration of Jesus now becomes yours: “My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:

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- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made, in mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might all things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, for God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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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. 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,

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 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6*

P The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.

C **Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.**

P The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

C **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

P He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

C **Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.**

P The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.

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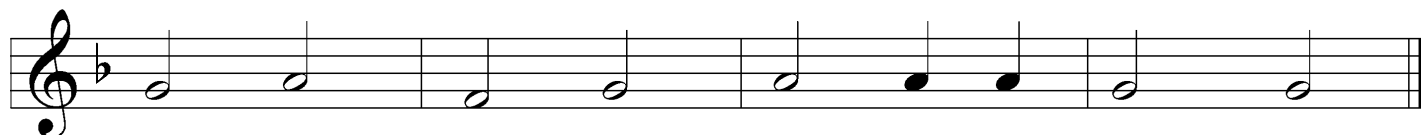


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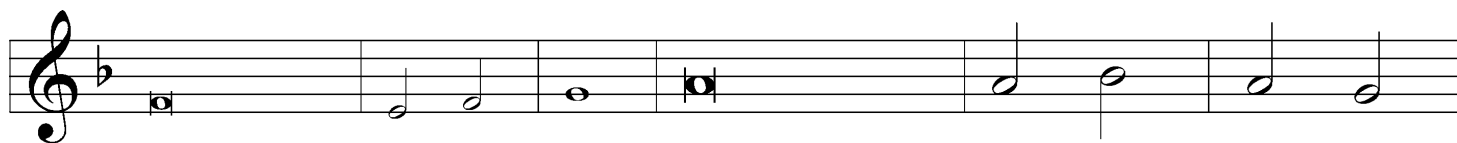


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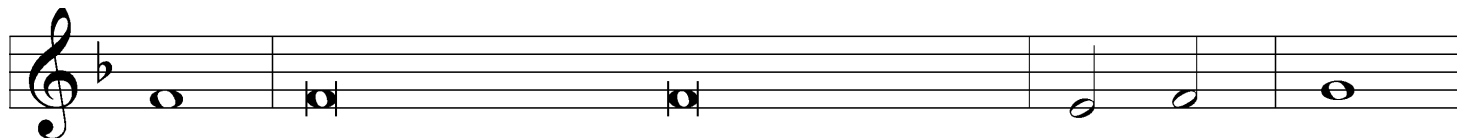


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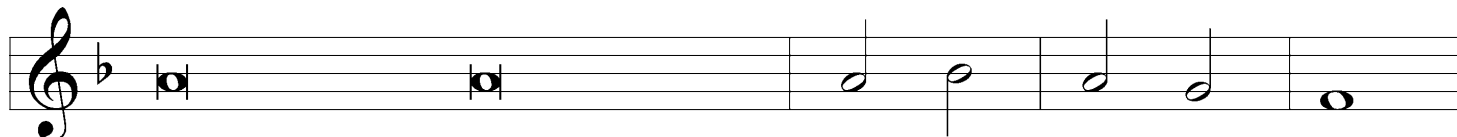
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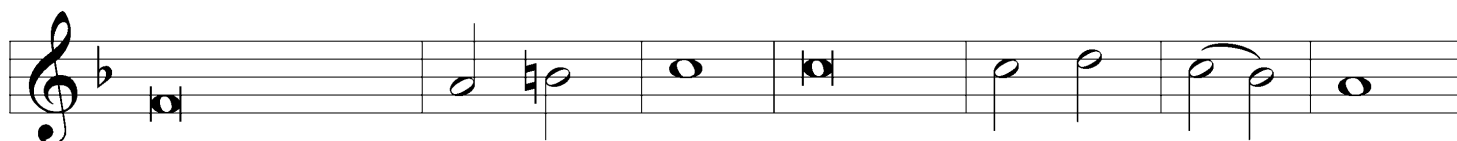
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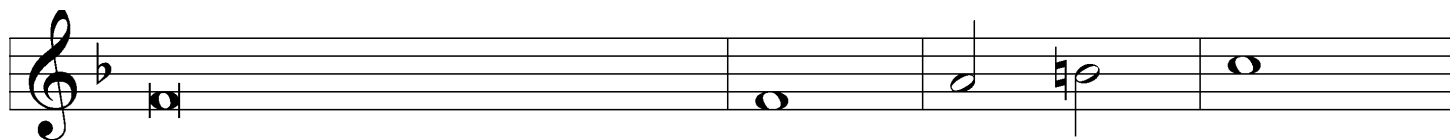
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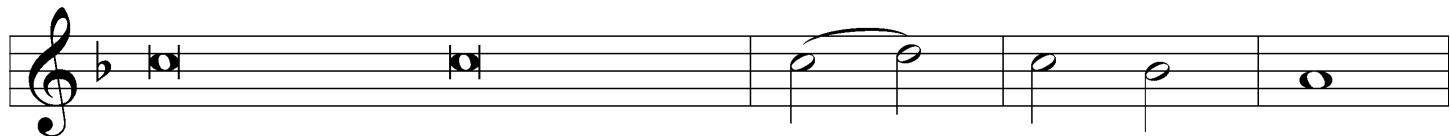
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



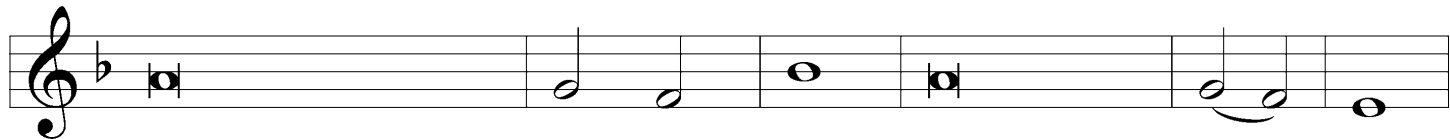
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



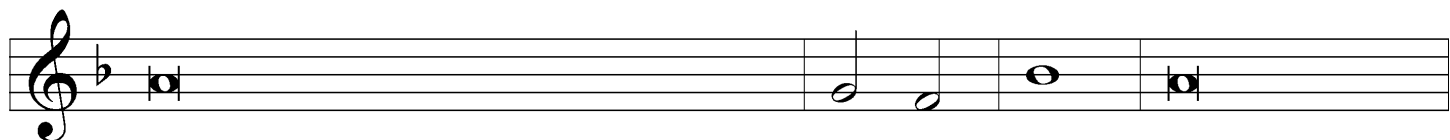
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



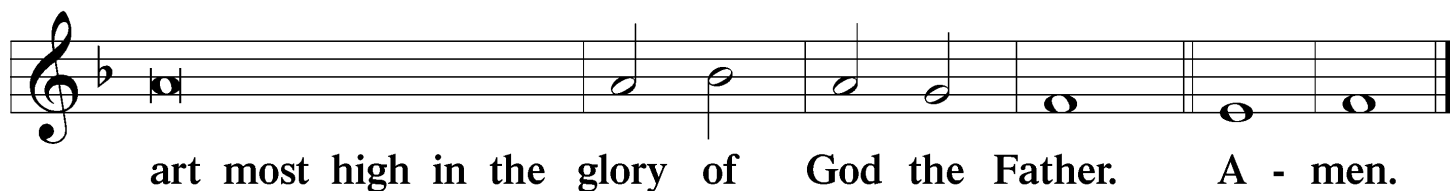
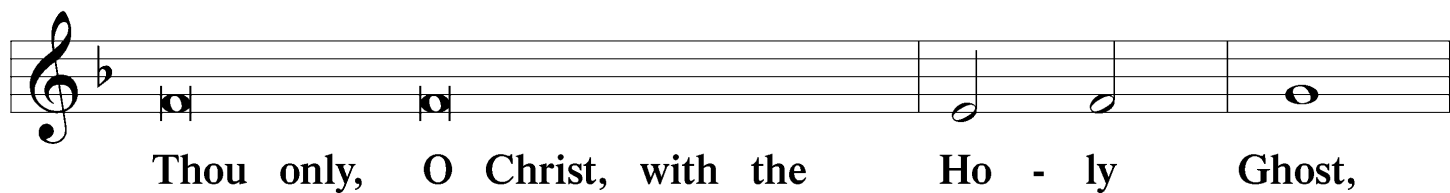
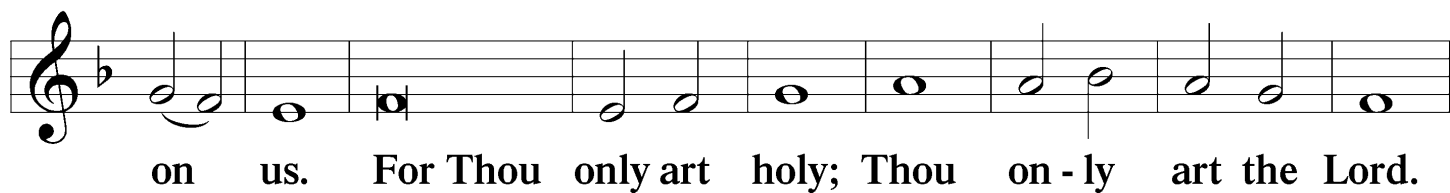
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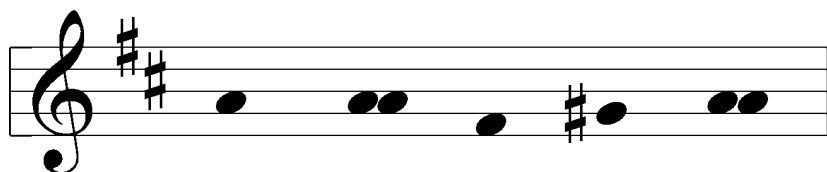
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



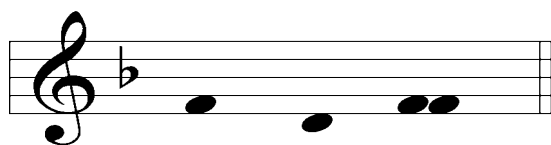
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please sit

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

(“I have no pleasure in the death of anyone.”)

1 The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, 2 “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

3 “As I live,” says the Lord God, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

4 “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

25 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?

26 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that

he dies. 27 Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves

himself alive. 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?

30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. “Repent, and turn from all your

transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves

a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4*

P Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

C To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.

C Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be

ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

P Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

C **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.**

P Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they are from of old.

C **Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.**

P Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

C **The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.**

P All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

C **Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18*

(Christ's example of humility)

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32

(The authority of Jesus is challenged.)

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?”

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: 25 The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet.” 27 So they answered Jesus and said, “We do not know.”

And He said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ 29 He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said to Him, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C 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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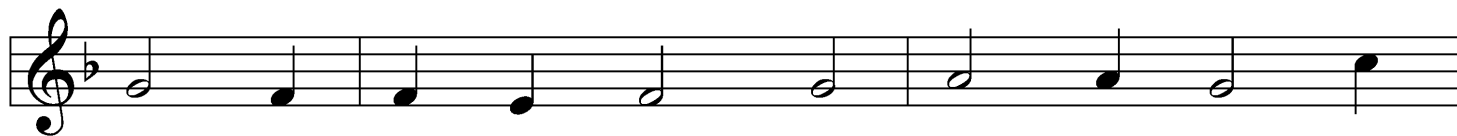
HYMN OF THE DAY

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers
 And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;

May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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SERMON

"Jesus' Almighty Authority"

Matthew 21:23

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OFFERTORY

Create in Me

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness that You have bestowed on us as Your own creation. For Your whole creation and the blessings of this life, we give You praise and thanks. Continue Your gift of life and grant that all look to You as their Creator and Giver of life through the gift of Your redemption in Christ Jesus, the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

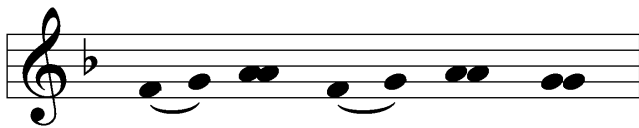
C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant Your blessing and guidance on Your holy church in this world to be the beacon of the light of Your salvation for all who look to You
1 for the salvation of their souls and for every help in need. Lord, in

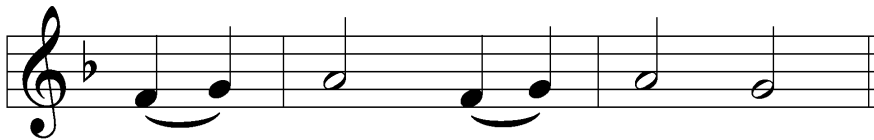
- Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Send upon the ministers of Your church and the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, making all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word, and send Your people faithful obedience that they be comforted and strengthened in faith and do all things that are well pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Guide and direct the governments of all nations to seek the ways of Your will in peace and justice, especially in the face of any and all adversity. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Help all who call upon You in any need, (especially....) that they have patience in times of sorrow or suffering and be released from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We remember before You all those who have loved and served You and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

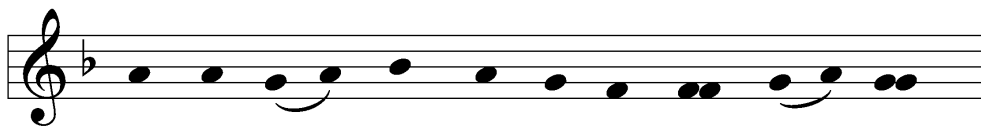


P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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;



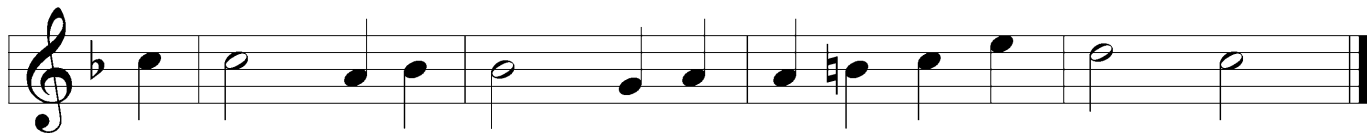
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

C₁₄ 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 for give us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



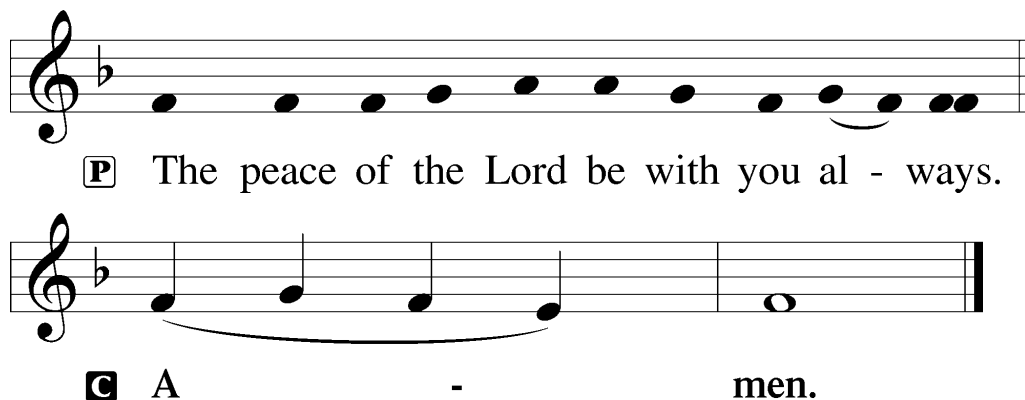
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

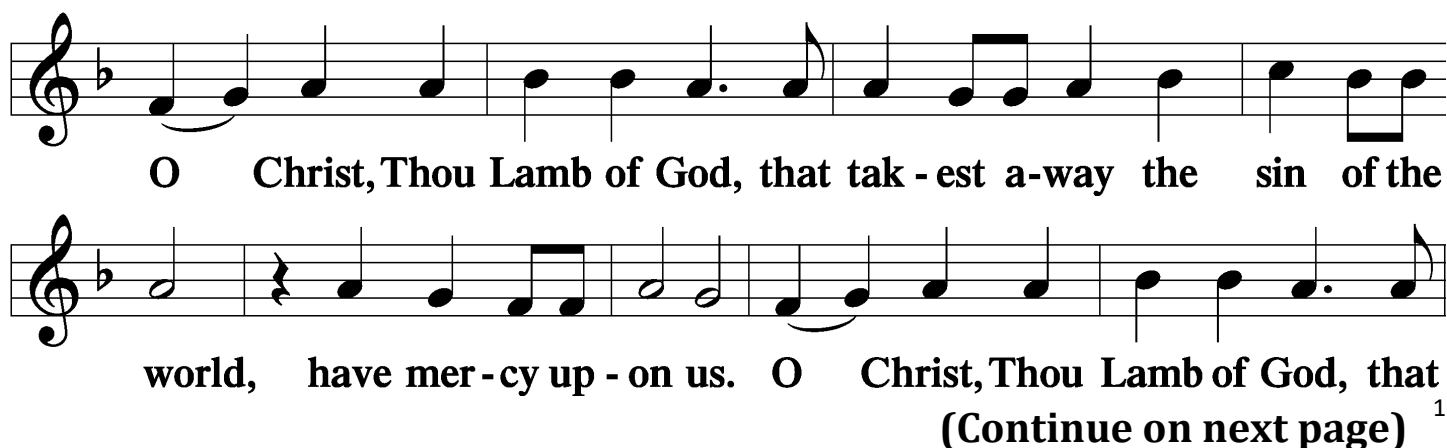
P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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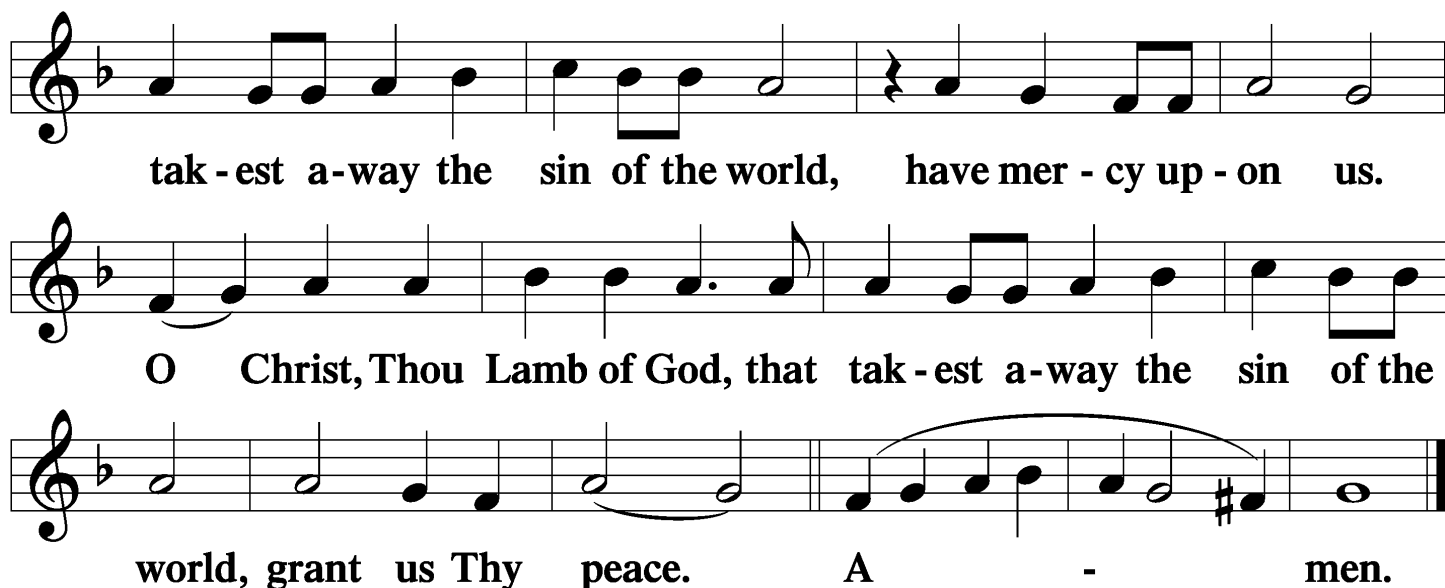


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. **C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that (Continue on next page)



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

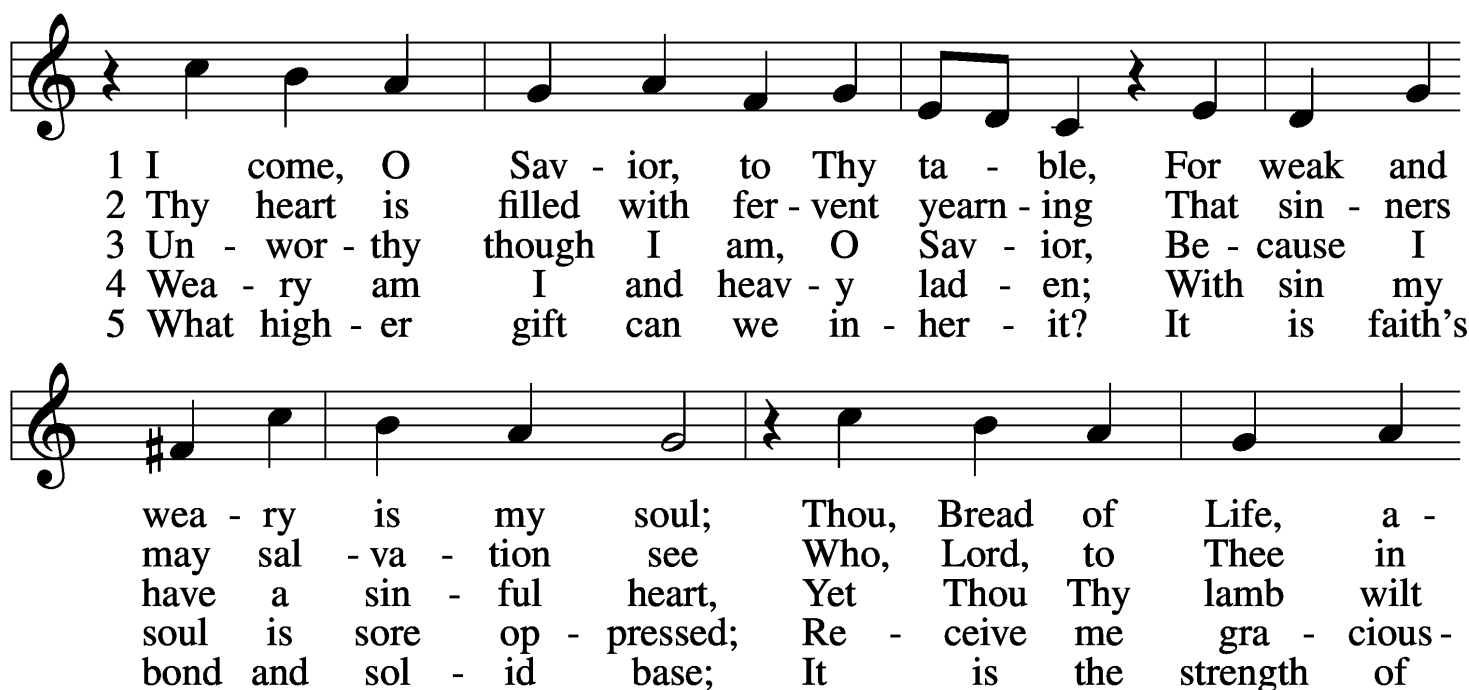
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and

2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners

3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I

4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my

5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -

may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in

have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt

soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -

bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

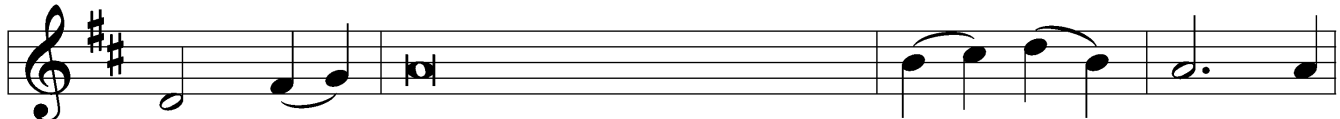


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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



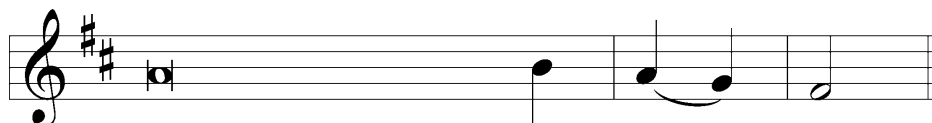
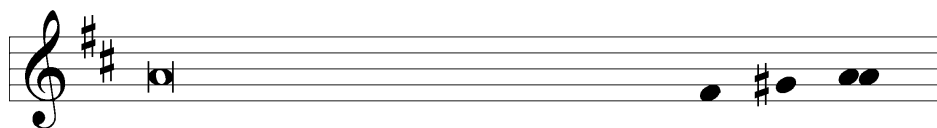
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



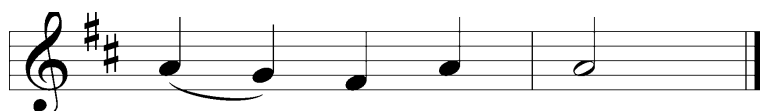
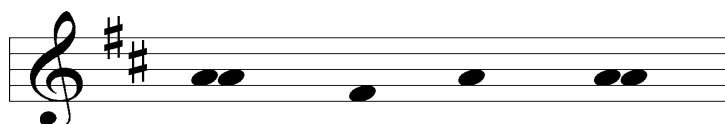
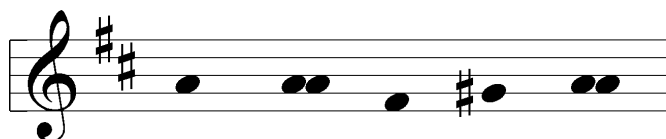
THANKSGIVING



P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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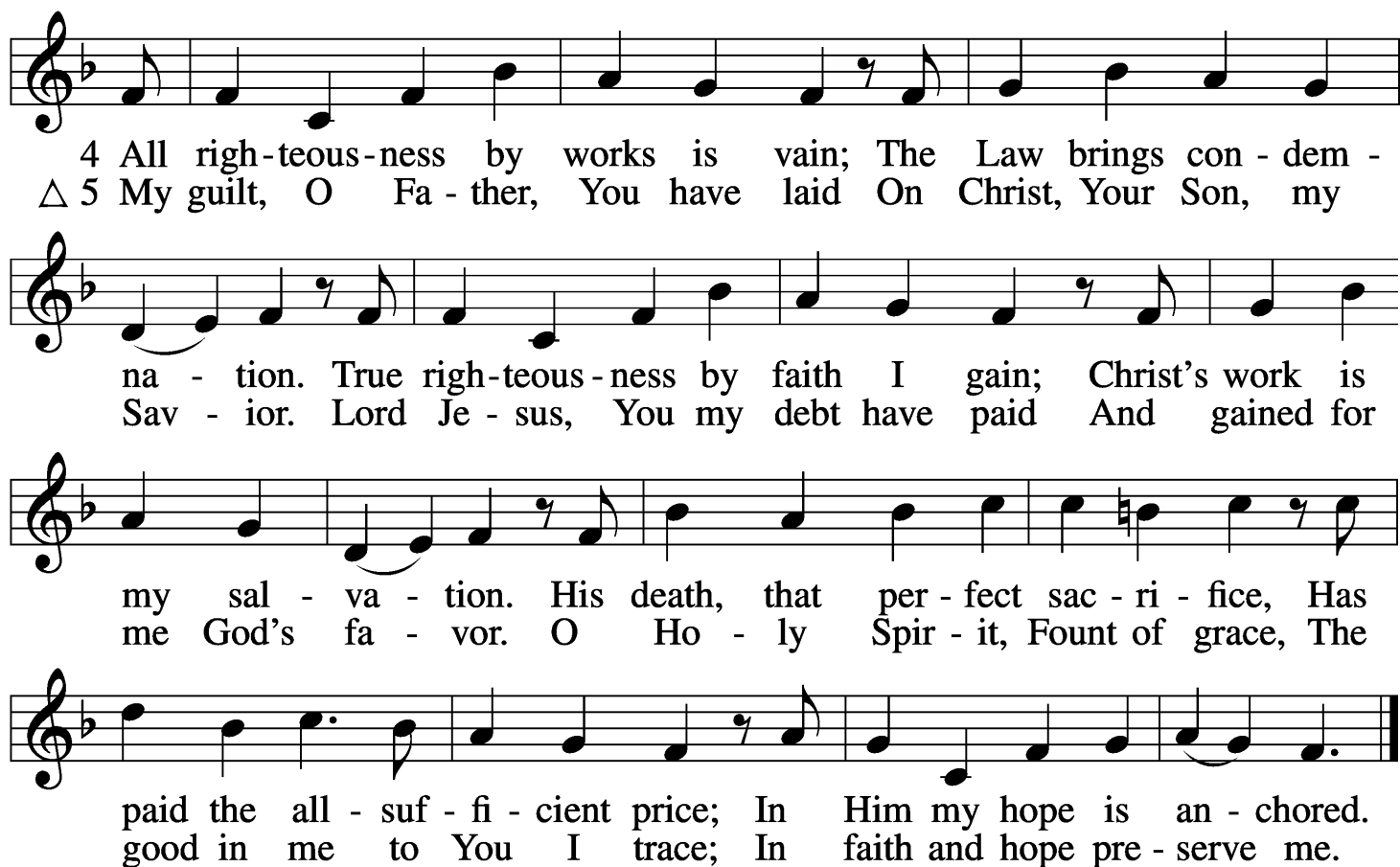
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The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains 12 measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), and G3 (quarter). The notes are written on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my
 na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.
 good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

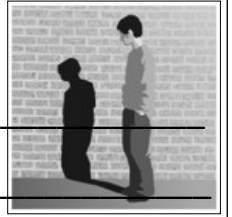
SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > *Portals of Prayer* for July to September 2026 are available in the Narthex or office.
- > Join us for *Sunday School and Bible Study* at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Weber is leading the class.
- > Plastic bottle caps and can tabs are still being collected.
- > *Confirmation Class* - Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- > *Men's Steak Night/Bible Study* - Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- > *Elders' Meeting* - Tuesday, October 6th @ 9:00 a.m.
- > *Immanuel Lutheran School Kettle Popcorn Fundraiser*

Get ready for some delicious kettle popcorn!
October 5th through October 16th is the time to
place your order or two.

More information will be posted on the October 4th
bulletin.

Sermon Notes



9/20/2026		
Sunday Worship	??	
Plate:	Will be available later	\$.00
Envelopes:		\$.00
On-line/ Tithely		
Other:		
Memorial:		
Other: Bible Class	??	\$.00
TOTAL		\$.00

Budgeted Need YTD:	Will be
Actual Giving YTD:	available
Over/(Shortfall YTD:	later
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

***NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST***
(PROPER 22)

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: “The soul who sins shall die” (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of anyone” (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, “shall surely live; he shall not die” (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, “he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death” (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now “shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even “the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God” (Matt. 21:31–32).

Memory Verse Challenge: *Psalm 91:11–12*

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	September Sunday Servants	October Sunday Servants
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	Maggie Weber	Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Jerry Frese	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
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