FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6, 2025

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> > 10:30 A.M.

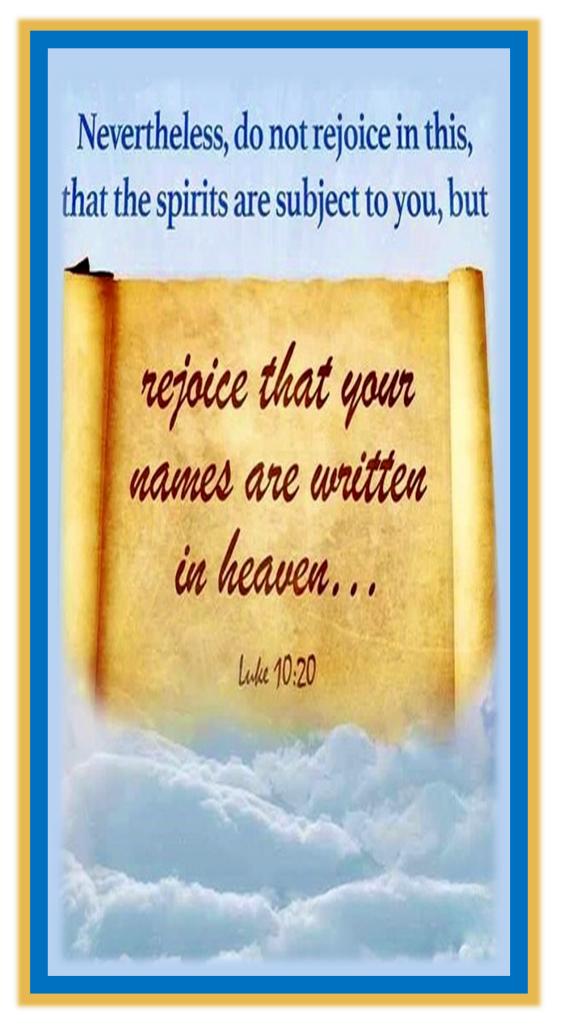
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32). Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty God, You have given the church great strength and opportunity amid the world's opposition. Grant me steadfastness of faith to move forward in trust, rejoicing as You accompany me on my journey; 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 - Today's Old Testament Reading should be read last, for it is a call to rejoicing, at least for people of faith in Christ. The guaranteed future includes "peace . . . like a river" (Isaiah 66:12), a powerful and restful image. The Epistle, however, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, "let us not grow weary of doing good" (Galatians 6:9). When the Seventy-Two (not just the Twelve) went out in the Gospel, we do not know how fearful they may have been, but they returned triumphant and were congratulated by our Lord. Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to "shout for joy to God, all the earth" (Psalm 66:1).

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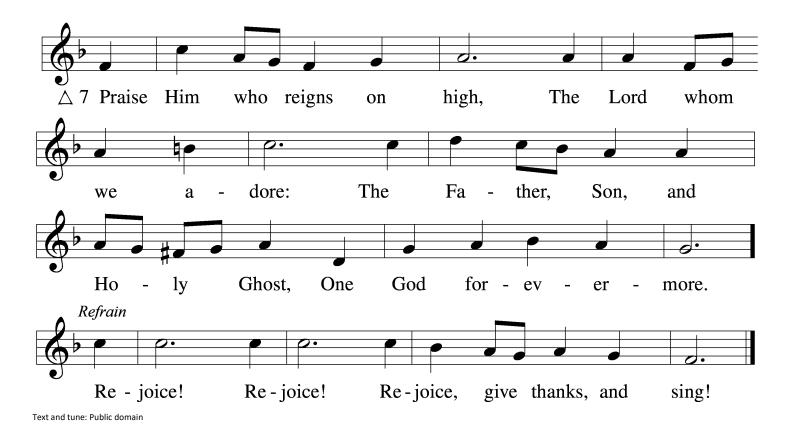
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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**





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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

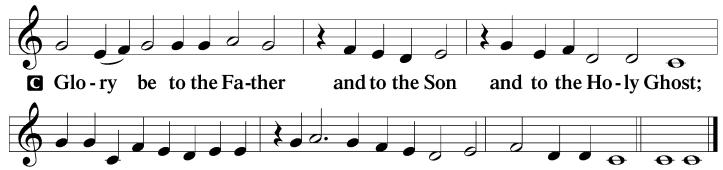
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and P ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 19:2, 4-6; antiphon: v. 1

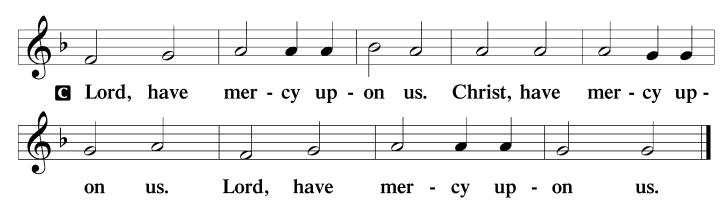
- The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His P handiwork.
- C Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.
- Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the P end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun.
- C Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
- Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; P and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament C shows His handiwork.

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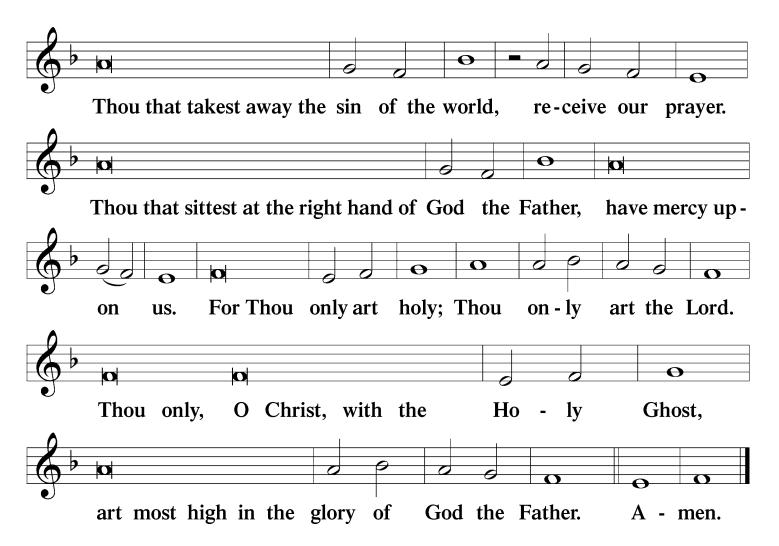
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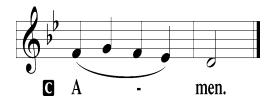


SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true

peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

(The prophet calls for rejoicing in the present time, for God has promised comfort and peace.)

- 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;
- 11 That you may feed and be satisfied with the consolation of her bosom, that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the abundance of her glory."
- 12 For thus says the Lord:
 - "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees.
- 13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
- When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; the hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, and His indignation to His enemies.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66:1–7; antiphon: vv. 8–9

- P Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.
- C Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

- P Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.
- C Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
- P All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name."
- C Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.
- P He turned the sea into dry land; they went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him.
- C He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.
- P Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

(Paul encourages mutual caring and global outreach.)

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.

6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus (Continue on next page) ⁹

Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.
- 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
- 17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
- 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

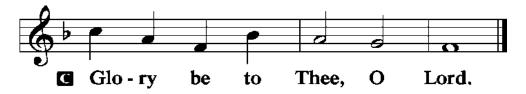


HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-24

(Jesus rejoices with the disciples as they return with good news.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. 5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his

wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' 12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. 16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons

are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; 24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise Christ. Thee, 0 be to Please sit **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 1 Praise the Lord, Al - might - y, the King the to all things 2 Praise the Lord. who o'er is won - drous - ly to fear - ful - ly, 3 Praise to the Lord, who has won - drous - ly, 4 Praise Lord. who will work to the pros - per your 5 Praise to the Lord! 1et all that is \mathbf{O} in tion! 0 soul, praise Him, for He my a And, ea - gle, reign - ing wings of as on an made Health stowed heed - less - ly be and, when you, has fend Sure ly His good and mer - cy you; ness dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now all who hear health and sal - va tion! Let

Now to His lift ing, sus - tain ing. Have you not seen All that is fall has stayed What need or has ing, you. grief Ev er dai at - tend Pon - der What the A1ly you. a - new prais es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

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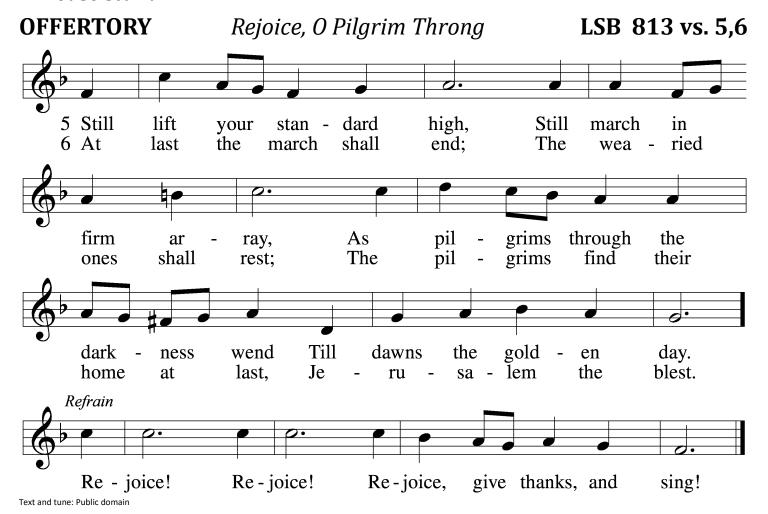
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"Rejoicing in God's mission to save all people!" Luke 10:21 SERMON **OFFERING**



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

(Isaiah 66:12-13; Psalm 66:6; Galatians 6:2, 10; Luke 10:9)

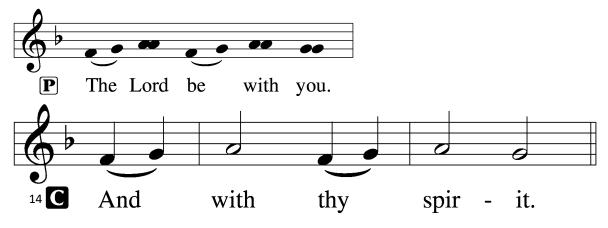
- P Let us use today's Scripture passages as the basis for our prayers for ourselves and all people.
 - Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.
- C Grant hopeful faith, Lord our God, to all who are not at peace this day. Give them strength to endure both national upheaval and internal stress as they await Your promised peace.
- P As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.
- C Grant comfort and solace to all who mourn. Strengthen them to rely on our Savior's victory over death and the grave.
- P He turned the sea into dry land.
- C Surround with caring individuals and relief agencies people

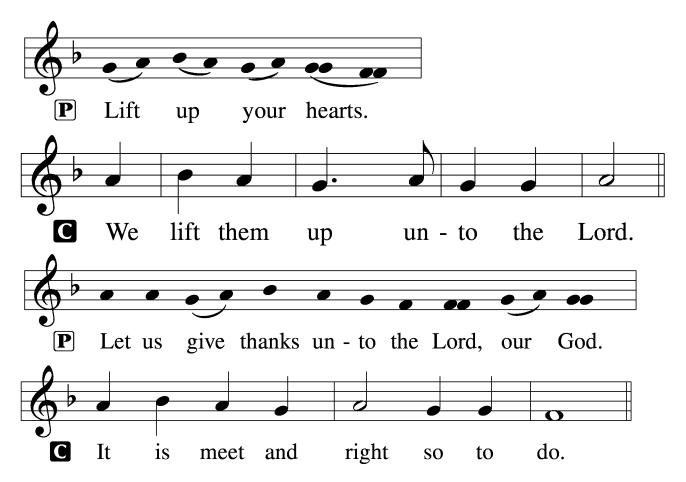
who have lost home and income from flood and fire, storm and tempest. Open doors of opportunity that they may find the food, clothing, and shelter they need each day.

- P Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- C Move people of faith to seek out the lonely and distressed, the poor and disenfranchised, O Holy Spirit. Awaken in Your servants the words they need to share and the action they need to take so that fellowship and joy may replace isolation and sorrow.
- P Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- C Lord Jesus, where Your church is divided, unite it in faith; where it is fearful, strengthen resolve; and where it has forgotten the Gospel, raise up leaders to speak Your word of reconciliation.
- P Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
- C Work through individuals and agencies to bring about the healing You have in mind for all who are sick, gracious God. Use the talents You have given them so that the people under their care may be restored in body, mind, and spirit, to praise Your gracious, holy name.
- P Finally, O Lord, remember those who have requested our prayers this day, [especially . . .]. As fits Your plans for them, visit and restore them in Your mercy. Grant these requests, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

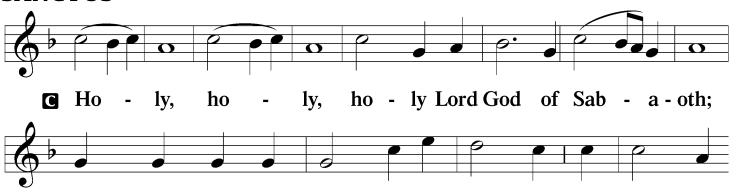
PREFACE





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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



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

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



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



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

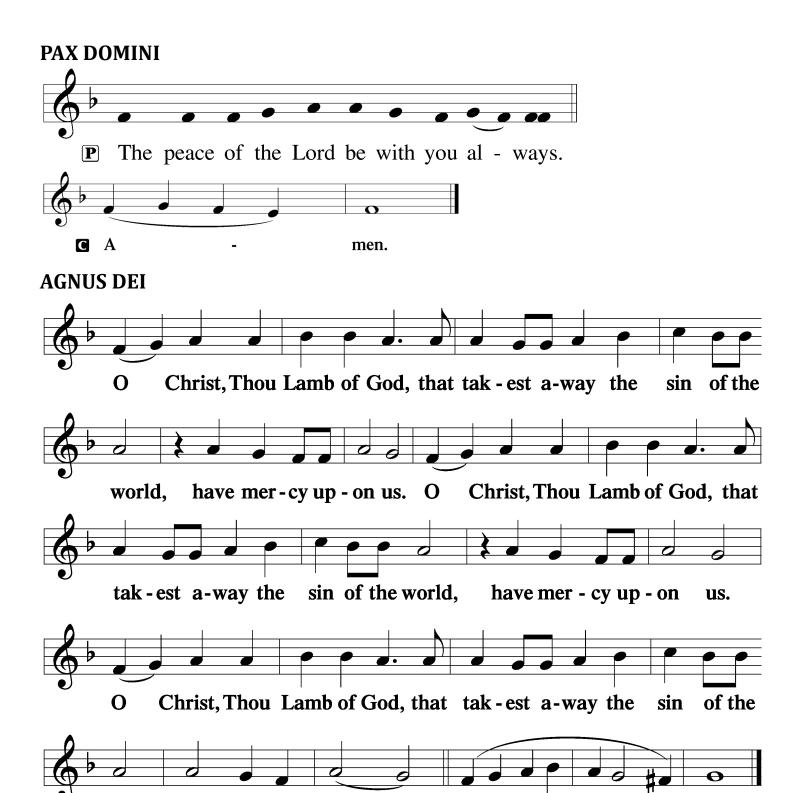
LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

world, grant us Thy

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy

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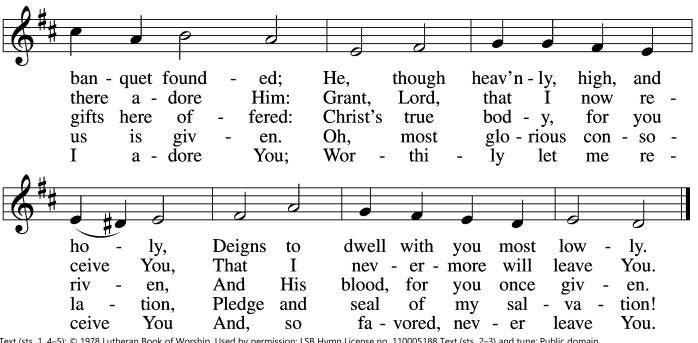
body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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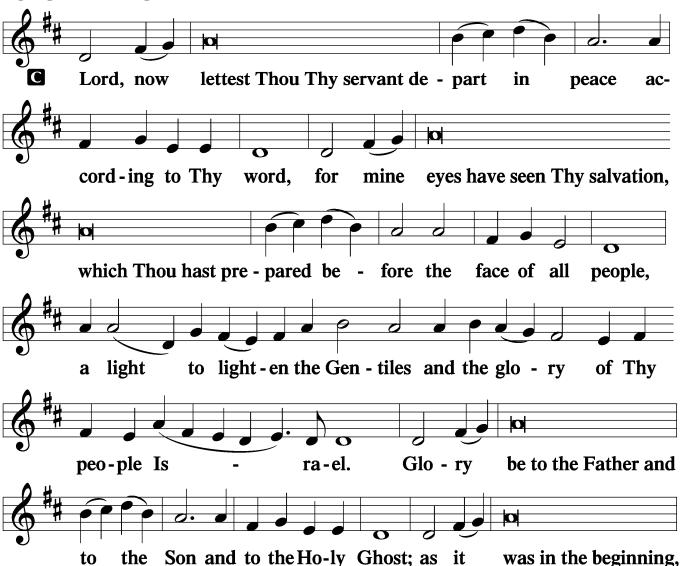




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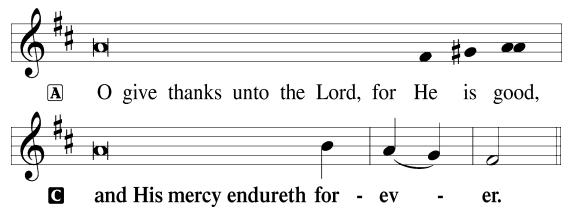
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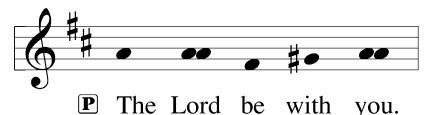
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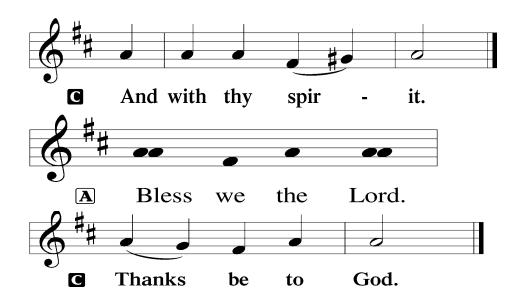


P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

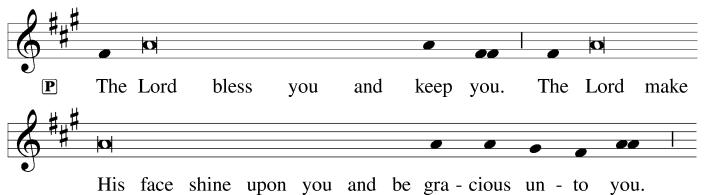


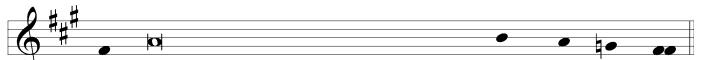
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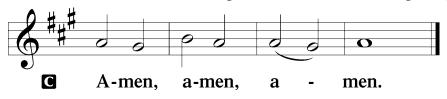


BENEDICTION





The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



SENDING HYMN

Thine Forever, God of Love

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- 1 Thine for ev er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a bove;
- 2 Thine for ev er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for ev er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth ly strife.
- 4 Thine for ev er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for ev er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in ter - ni - ty! Sav - ior, guard-ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end! truth, the way, Guide us Thou, the life, the realms of the to day. be - neath Thy care, Let Safe a - lone all Thy good-ness share. us Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n. All our sins by

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.

July Activities

- > July 9th through the 23rd, secretary will be on vacation!
- > Voters' Meeting 2nd Quarter, Tuesday, July 22nd @ 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran School

Roundup Time

for 2025-2026

Tuesday, July 29th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please bring the student's vaccination record (to bring our records up to date. Thank you!)

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CDs and MP3 Thumb drives of School Chapel Hymns and Songs are available in the narthex



Free will donation for the church
Please share the music with others
Soli Deo Gloria

Memory Verse Challenge:

This Week's

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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Sunday Worship 38

Plate: \$ 189.00

Envelopes: \$ 3710.00

Envelopes-Other:

Other: Camp Lone Star \$ 400.00

On Line: **Tithely** \$ 643.40

Memorial:

Ruth Marie Hoppe Li ttle \$ 100.00

Total: \$ 5,042.40

Bible Class: **18** \$ 10.00

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Proper 10)

Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

Psalm 41

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Notes	
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Summer Fun	

The Lord Grants Peace and Life to His Church

The Lord restores Jerusalem, His Church, because she is the mother of His children, whom He comforts "as one whom his mother comforts" (Is. 66:13). We are "satisfied from her consoling breast" with the pure milk of the Word, and we "drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance" (Is. 66:11). The messengers of Christ bestow such gifts upon His Church. For He sends them out "as lambs in the midst of wolves" (Luke 10:3), bearing in their bodies the sacrifice of His cross, by which "the kingdom of God has come near" (Luke 10:9, 11). Wherever He enters in with this Gospel, Satan is cast out and falls "like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Thus, we do not "boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). Rejoicing in this Gospel, we "bear one another's burdens" in love, according to "the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule
	July Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Dan Wehling
Altar Guild:	Susanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros/Maribel Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering
This Week	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
Next Week	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Ken Eilers
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am