

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2026**

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***Sunday*
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service**

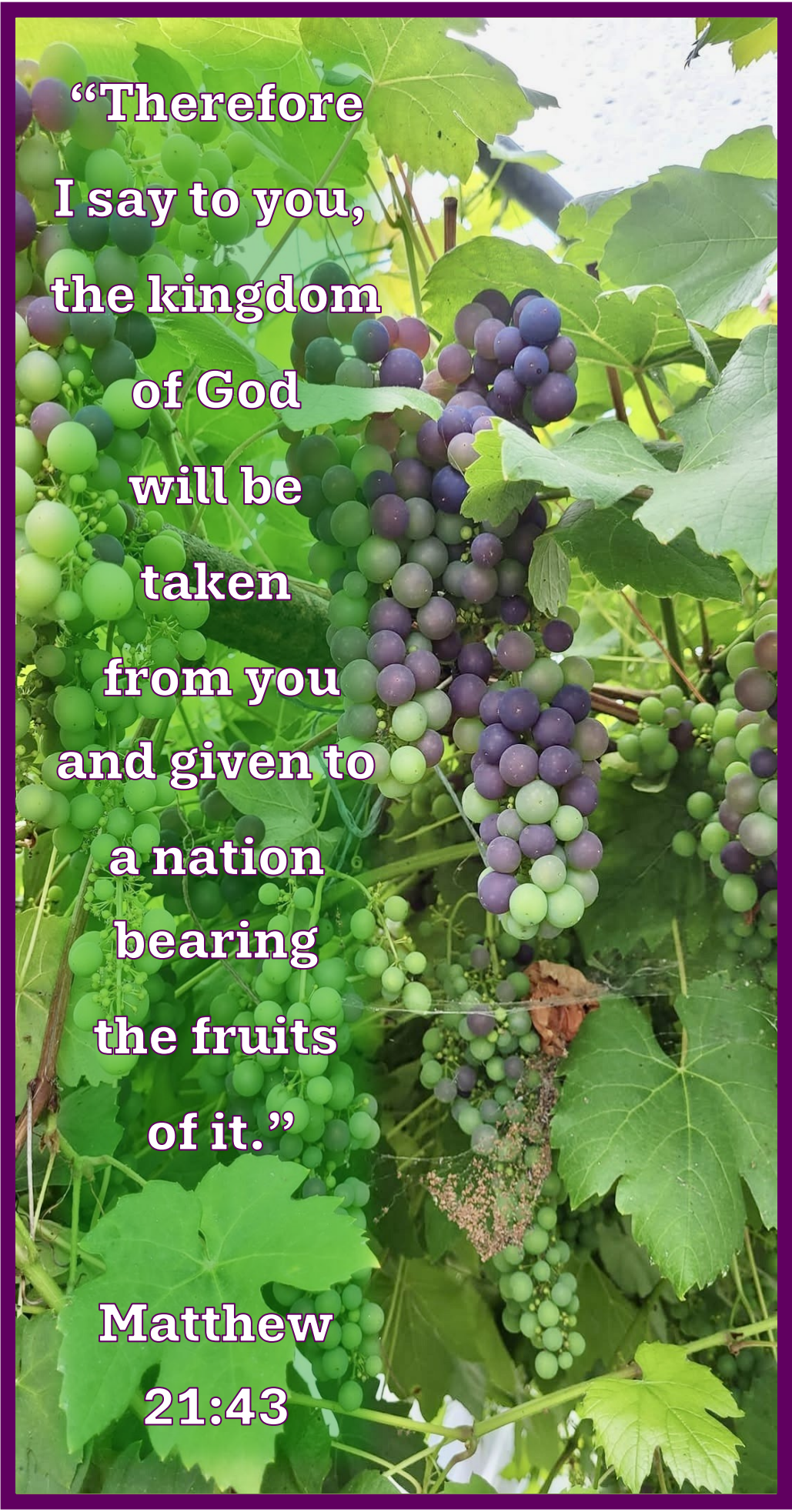
**10:30 A.M.
Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School**

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**“Therefore
I say to you,
the kingdom
of God
will be
taken
from you
and given to
a nation
bearing
the fruits
of it.”**

**Matthew
21:43**

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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 - Loving Lord God, reveal to me the depth of Your love that I may learn a greater love for You in return and that I grow in love toward my neighbors and one another; 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 - "God loves you." It is not like we have never heard that before. We may even have taken that fact for granted, thinking, "Well, of course He does! That's His thing! 1 John 4:8 says that God is love."

Nevertheless, as our lives and circumstances unfold, through the uncertainties of sin and doubt and failure, many have come up short and been forced to wonder, “How can God love me now?” Love, after all, is always in direct proportion to our worthiness of it, to how lovable we are, right?

The highest love of God, agape, can commonly be defined as the love of intelligence and corresponding purpose. This definition may seem at first to drain the whole idea of the depth of emotion or the value of love. But we discover the power of God’s love even more as we are convinced of the greatness of our need—our own sin and unworthiness. That’s when the cross of Calvary and the sacrifice of Christ crucified shines forth as the highest, greatest, and almost unbelievable love of God for you—even you. Notice how many of today’s hymns examine the depth and, yes, “strangeness” of the fact that God loves you.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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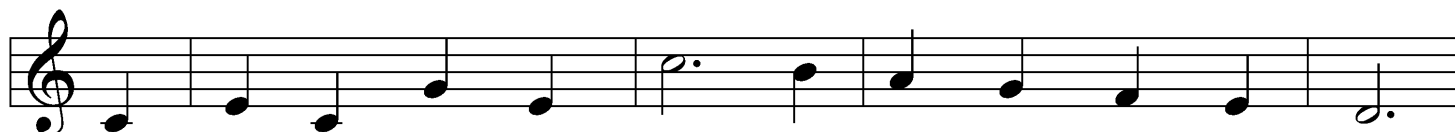
PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 △ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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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 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1*

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

C **The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

P This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

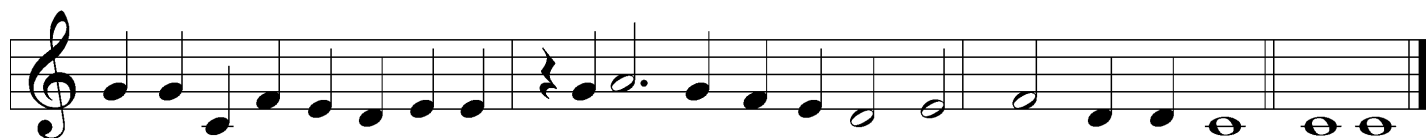
C **This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

GLORIA PATRI



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



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

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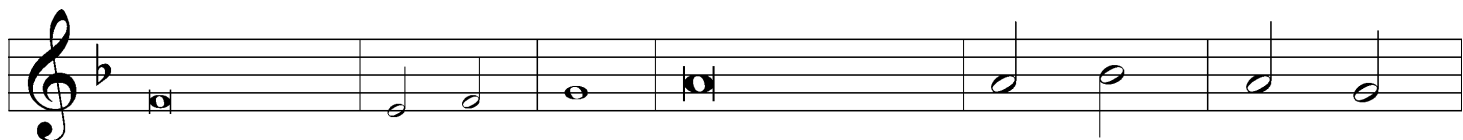


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

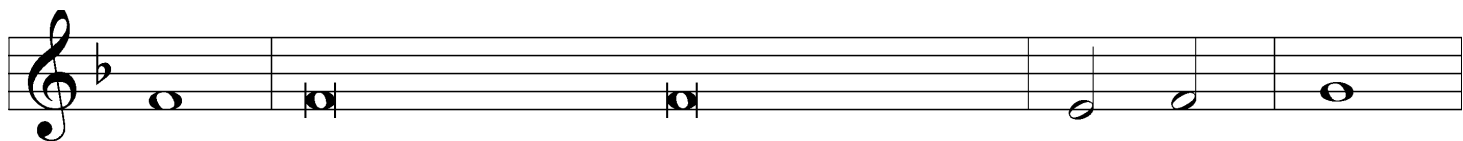


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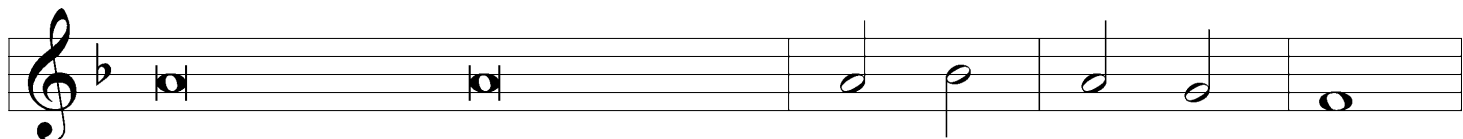
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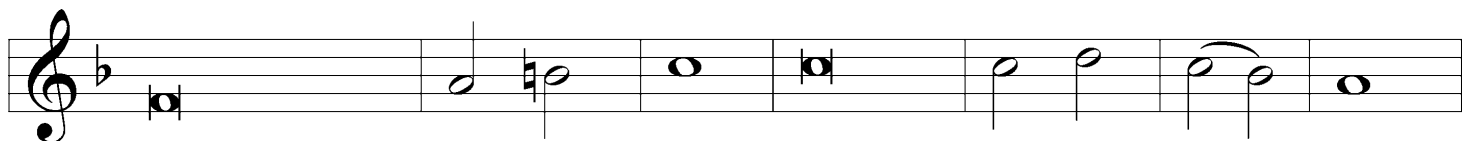
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



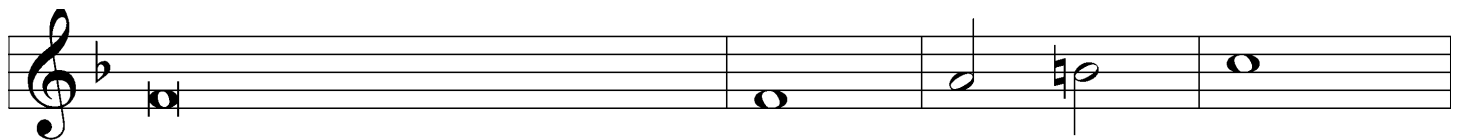
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



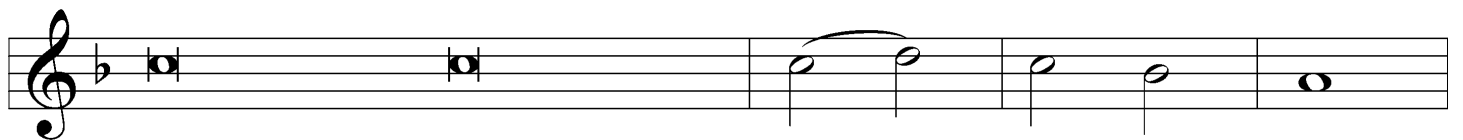
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



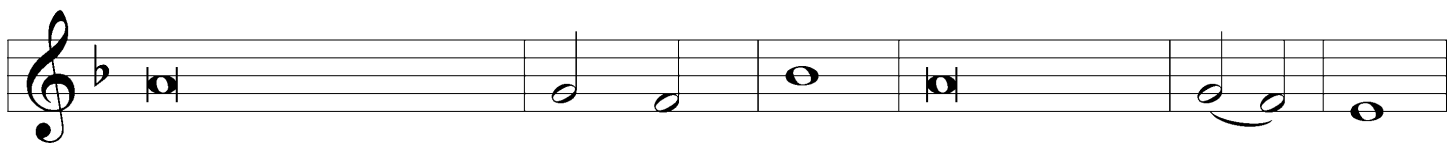
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
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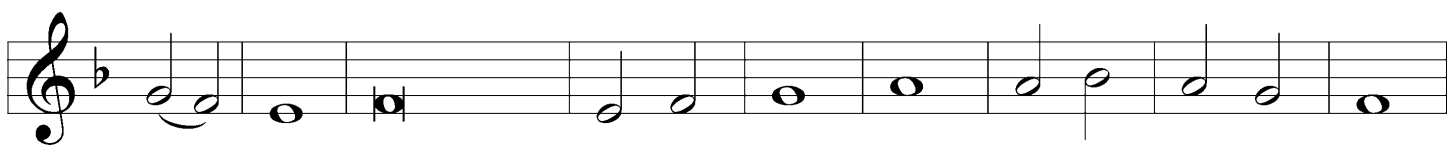
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



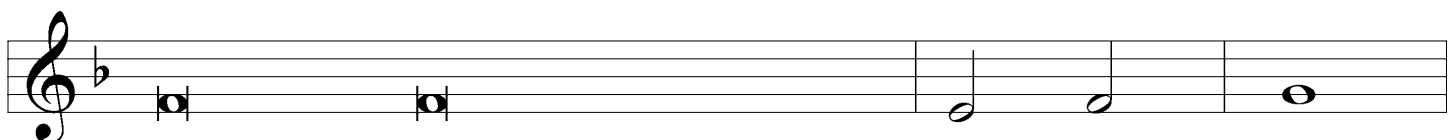
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



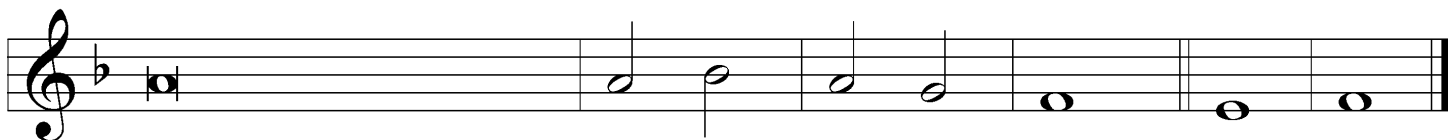
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

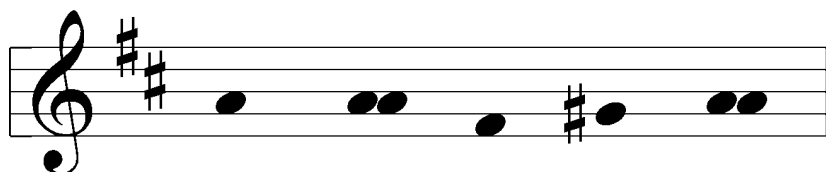


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

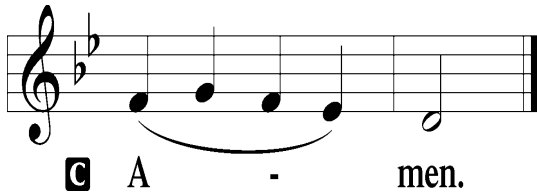


G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

(God's love song for His beloved)

1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved a song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it; so He expected it to bring forth good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes.

3 "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, please, between Me and My vineyard.

4 What more could have been done to My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected it to bring forth good grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; and break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

6 I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned or dug, but there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain on it."

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; for righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 80:7–19; antiphon: v. 7*

- P Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!
- C You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.**
- P You prepared room for it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land.
- C The hills were covered with its shadow, and the mighty cedars with its boughs.**
- P She sent out her boughs to the Sea, and her branches to the River.
- C Why have You broken down her hedges, so that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?**
- P The boar out of the woods uproots it, and the wild beast of the field devours it.
- C Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine**
- P And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself.
- C It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.**
- P Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.
- C Then we will not turn back from You; revive us, and we will call upon Your name.**
- P Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:4b–14*

(The surpassing worth of knowing Christ)

- 4 If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.
8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;
10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of

me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

(The parable of the tenants)

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone

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will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”
 45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

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 *God Loved the World So That He Gave* LSB 571



1	God	loved	the	world	so	that	He	gave	His	on - ly
2	Christ	Je -	sus	is	the	ground	of	faith,	Who	was
3	God	would	not	have	the	sin -	ner	die;	His	Son
4	Be	of	good	cheer,	for	God's	own	Son	For -	gives
									all	



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON *"The taking away and giving of God's Kingdom"*
Matthew 21:43

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OFFERTORY *Create in Me* **LSB 956**

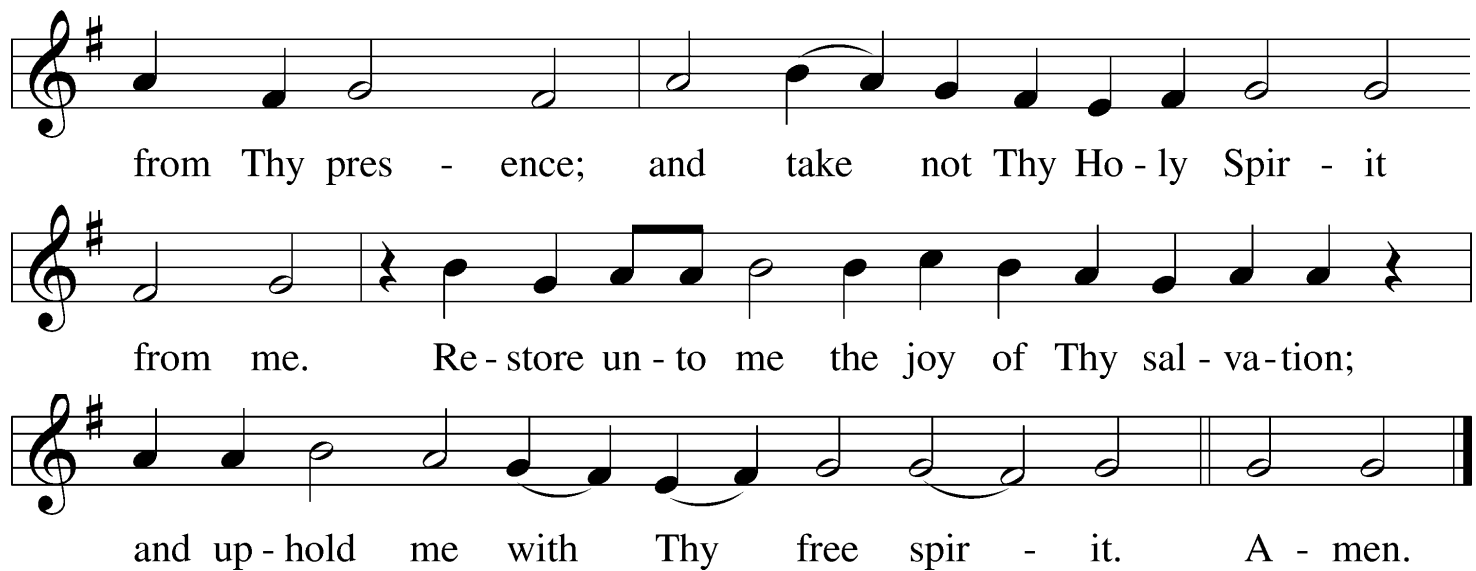


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, heavenly Father, Your apostle John wrote, “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). As Your children, then, we come before You crying, “Abba! Father!” For the mystery of Your gift of our lives, Your good creation, and Your holy will of love and salvation, we praise You without end. Help us to live in Your love and praise, giving thanks every day for Your provision of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your goodness, O Lord, keep and preserve Your holy church in the true faith, proclaiming the pure, heavenly doctrine of Your Word and being constantly strengthened in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Spirit, we pray You to guide all who are in the authority of government in our land and in all the nations of the earth, that we dwell in peace and rely on Your provision of justice and freedom for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for any who are in trouble, doubt, or fear of death. Grant Your healing gifts and merciful presence to save and deliver all who look to You for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

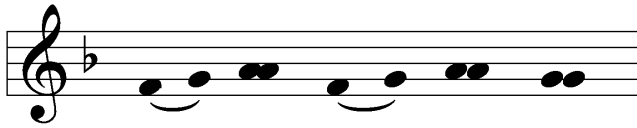
C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive, O God, our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with the offerings we bring, as You have purchased us by the blood of Your Son to be Your own, that we may live under Him in His kingdom. Help us live by true faith to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day. And when our last hour comes,

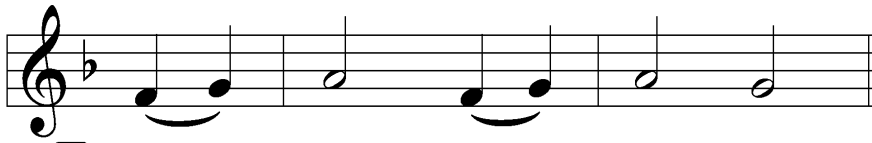
support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom.
 Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
 trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

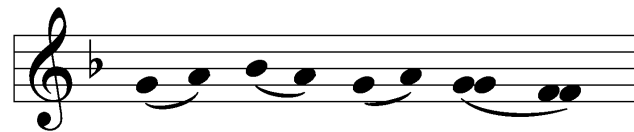
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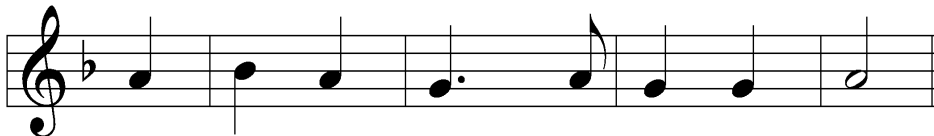
P The Lord be with you.



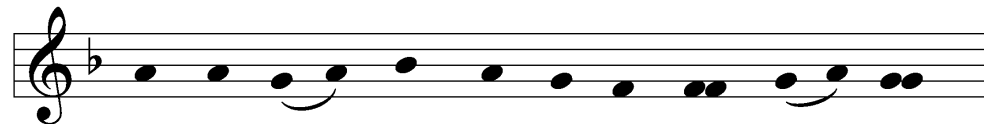
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

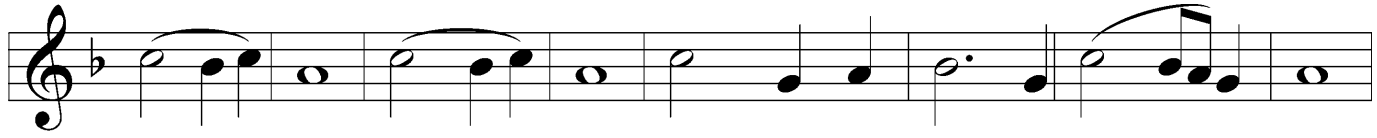


C It is meet and right so to do.

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:

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SANCTUS



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



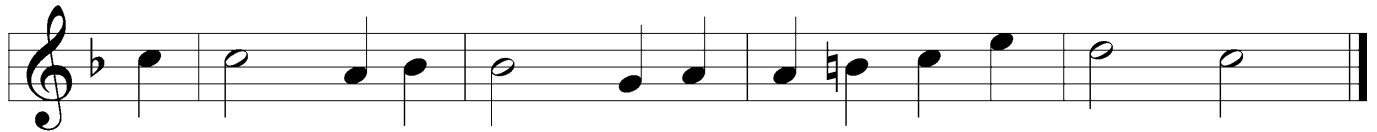
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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*)

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 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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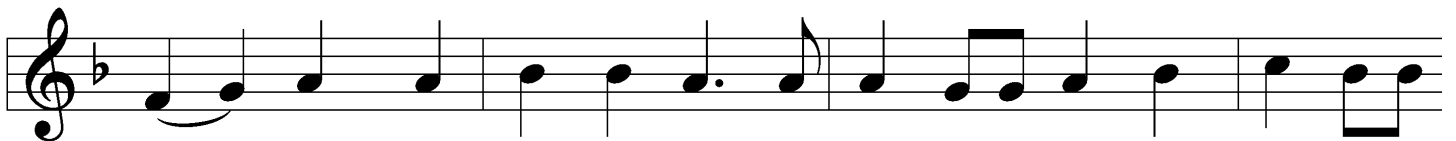


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

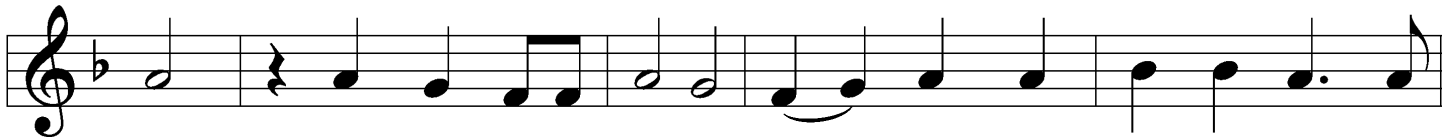


C A - men.

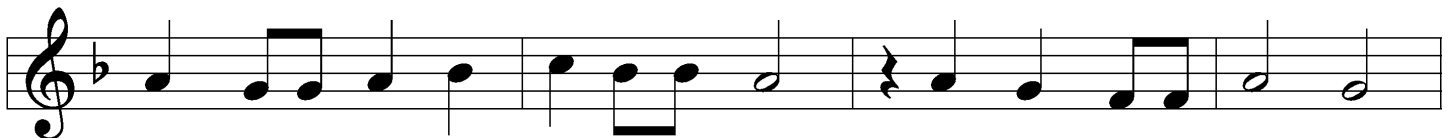
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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.

Please sit

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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

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1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from
3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your
4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your
5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.
Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.
truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.
God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His
There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the
Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion
In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.
gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.
so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

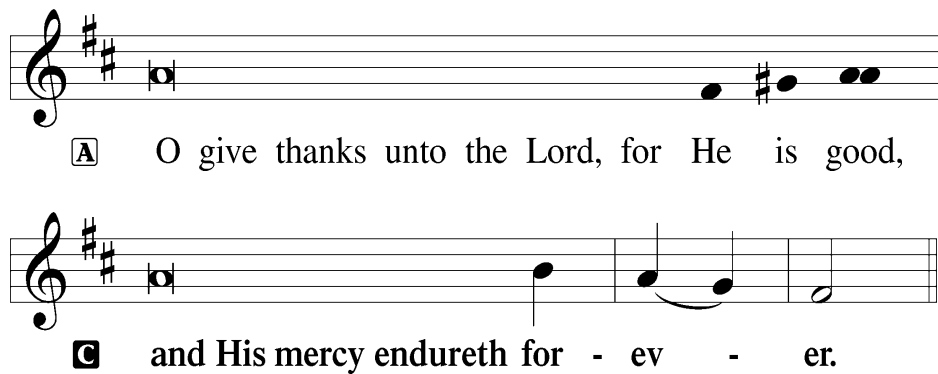
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NUNC DIMITTIS



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,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

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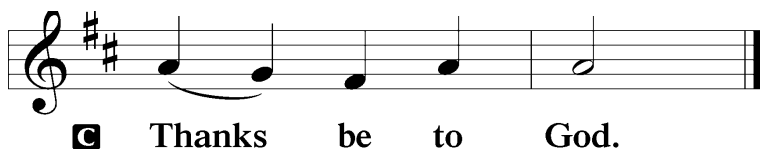
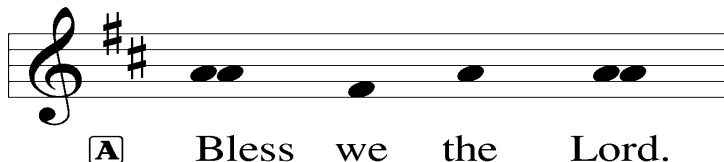
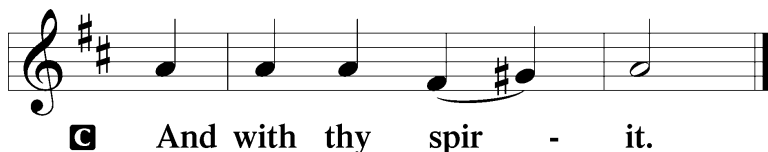
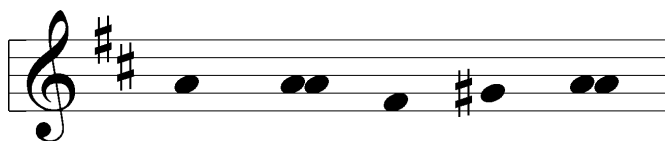
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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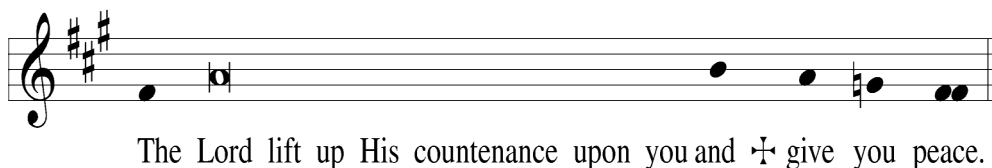
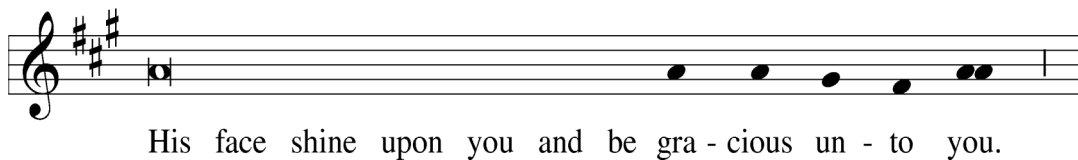
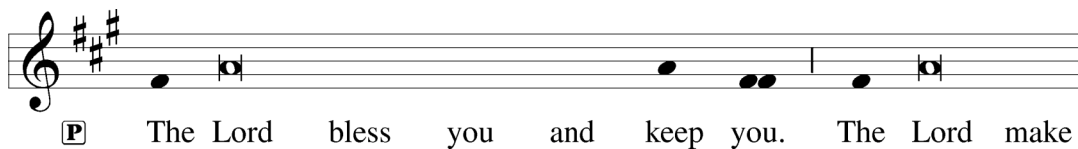
who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;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



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BENEDICTION





C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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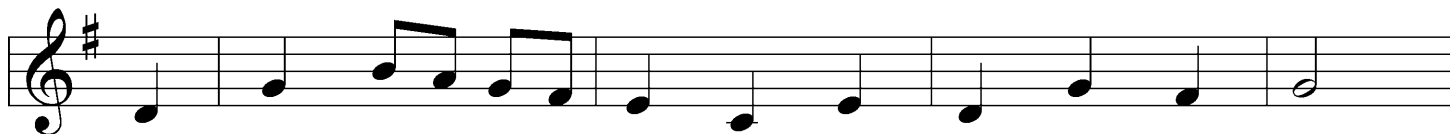
SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

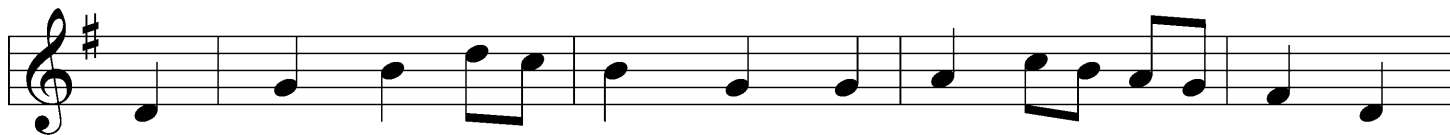
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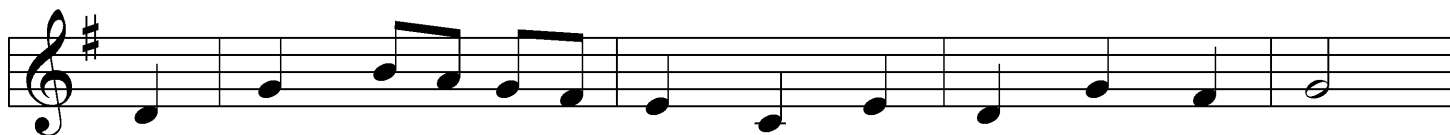
1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,



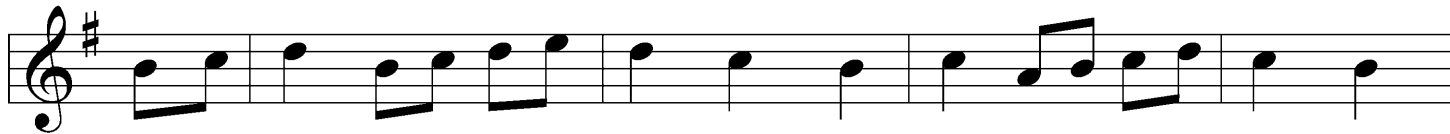
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.



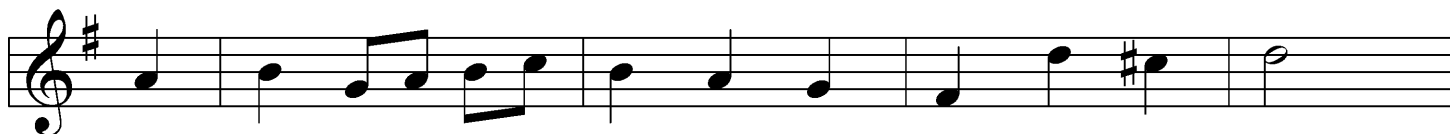
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.



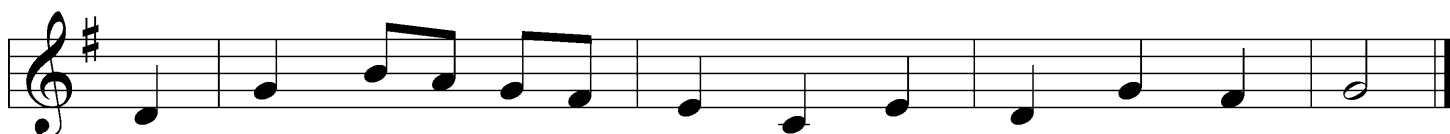
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,

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The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

OCTOBER 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.
- > *Elders' Meeting*- Tuesday, October 6th @ 9:00 a.m.



Immanuel Lutheran School Annual Kettle Popcorn Sale

Mini Bag	\$ 7.00
Small Bag	10.00
Large Bag	15.00

Call or come by the office to place your order for some delicious kettle popcorn.

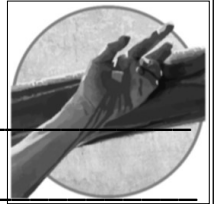
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Deadline for placing order and making payment is Tuesday, October 20th.

We will call you when popcorn has been delivered to come by office and pick up order.

Thank you for your support and God Bless You.

Sermon Notes



9/20/2026		
Sunday Worship	40	
Plate:		\$ 685.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,043.00
On-line/ Tithely		
Other: Thrivent		\$171.00
Memorial:		
Other: Bible Class	20	\$ 15.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,914.00

9/27/2026		
Sunday Worship	37	
Plate:		\$ 310.00
Envelopes:		\$ 6,583.00
On-line/ Tithely		
Other: Lutheran Witness		\$ 25.00
Memorial:		
Other: Bible Class	19	\$ 24.00
TOTAL		\$ 6,942.00

Budgeted Need YTD:	\$179,216
Actual Giving YTD:	\$128,869
Over/(Shortfall YTD:	(\$50,347)
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

***TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST***
(PROPER 23)

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the Lord of Hosts

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

Memory Verse Challenge: *Proverbs 22:6*

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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