

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
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Missouri Synod



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Sunday
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service

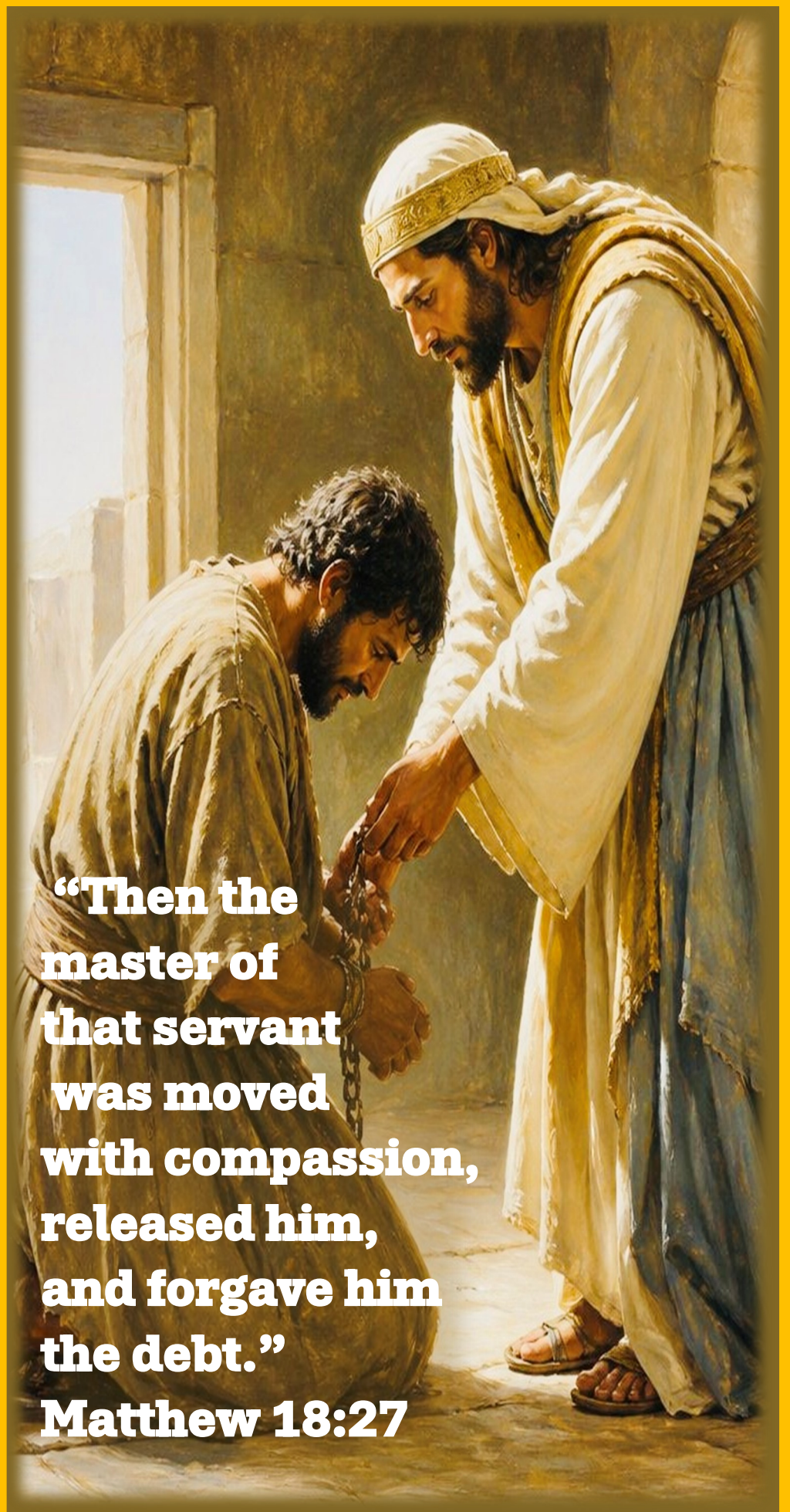
10:30 A.M.
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**“Then the
master of
that servant
was moved
with compassion,
released him,
and forgave him
the debt.”**

Matthew 18:27

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September 13, 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 - O merciful Lord, in Your goodness You acted with patience toward me a sinner and delivered up Your own Son to be my Savior and Redeemer. Grant to me patience with the erring and grace to forgive one another as You have forgiven me, presuming nothing but in all things holding fast to Jesus Christ; through Him who died that I might live and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one

another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord's limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ's name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

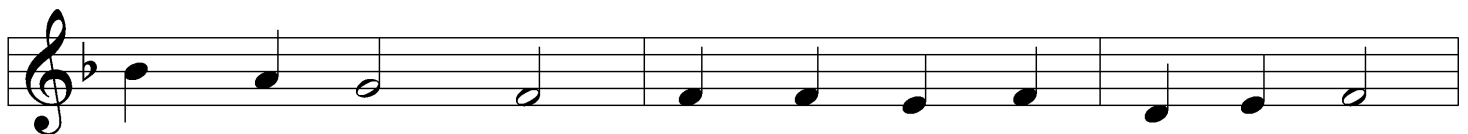
OPENING HYMN

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

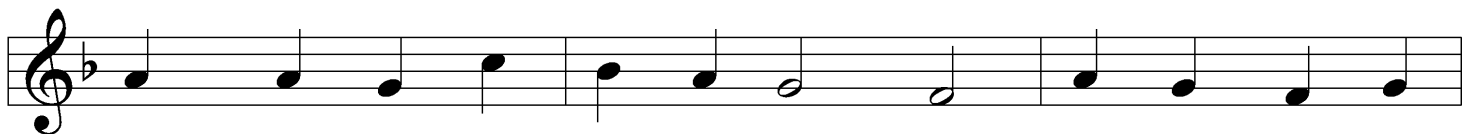
LSB 609 VS. 1,4-7



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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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.

C₄ **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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

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

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

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

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

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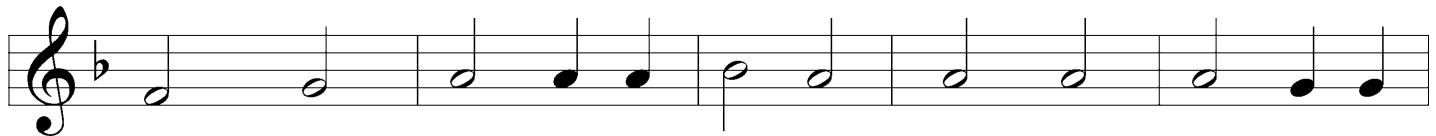


Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



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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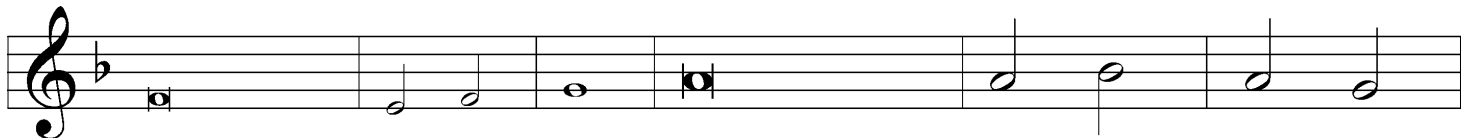


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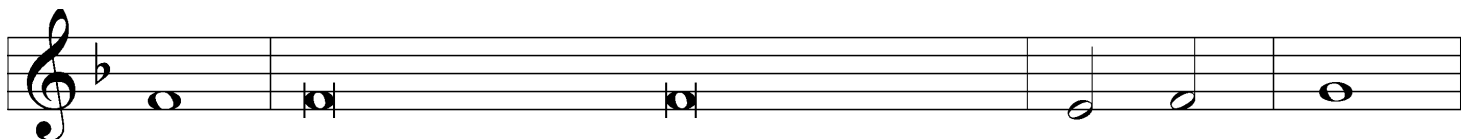


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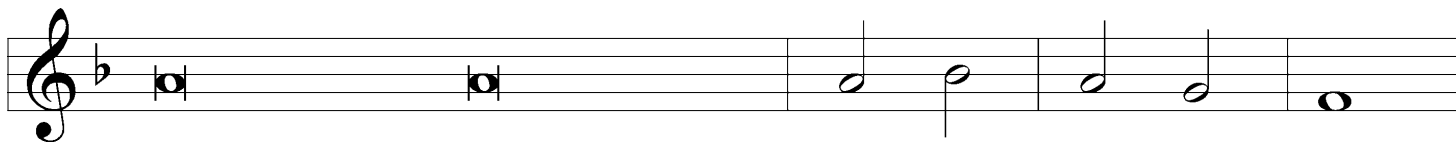
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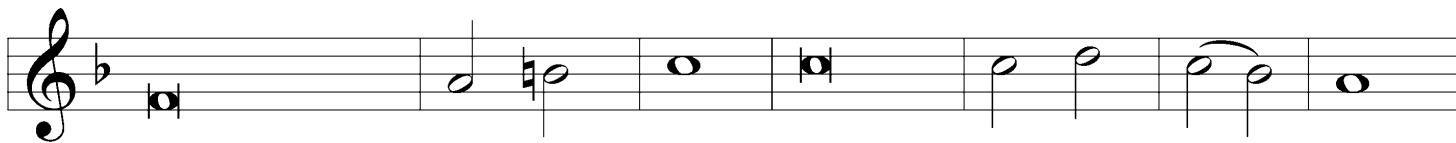
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



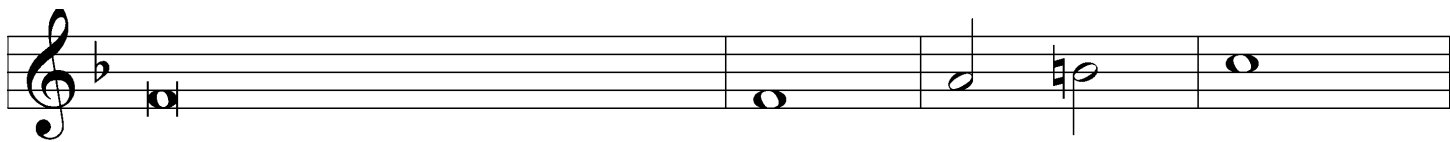
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



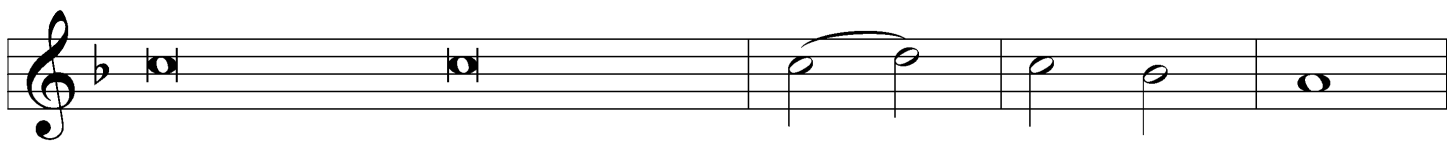
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



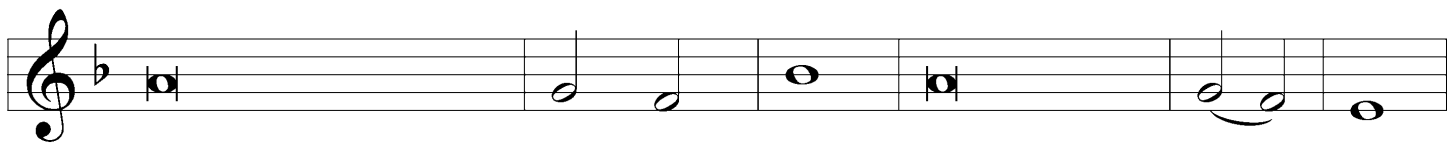
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



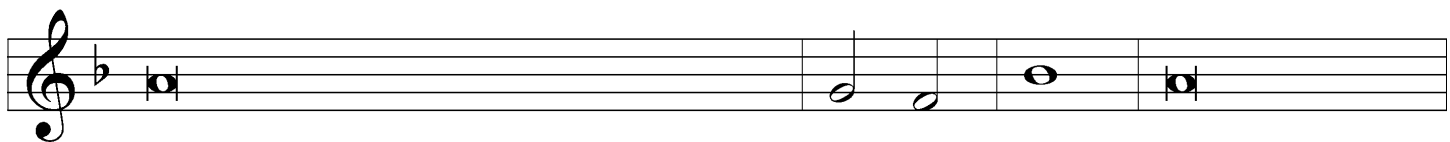
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



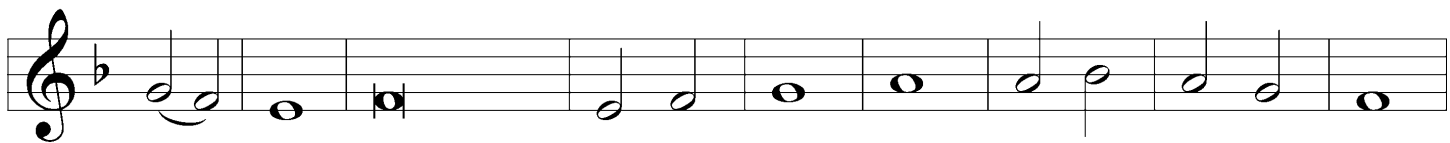
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



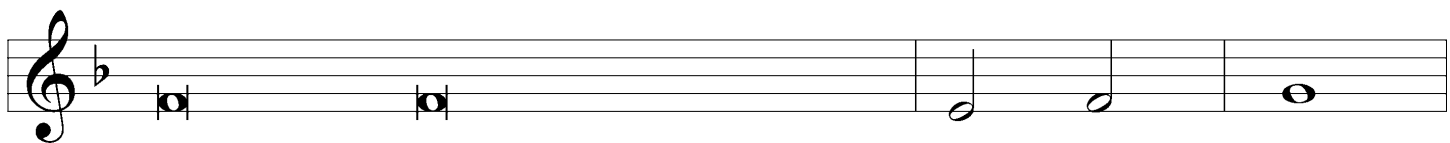
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



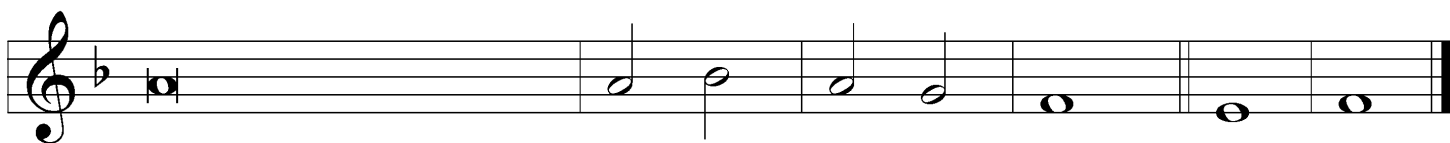
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

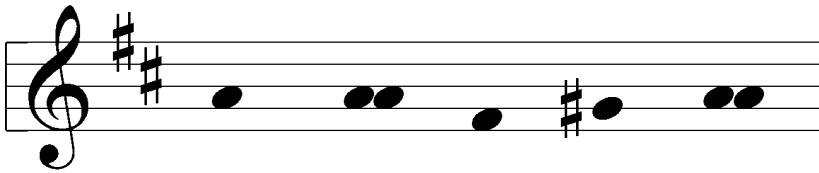


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

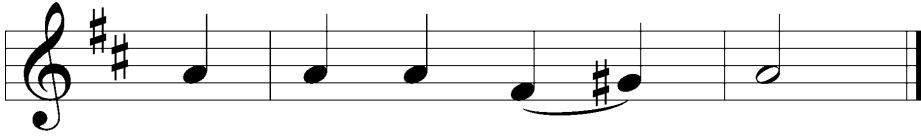


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

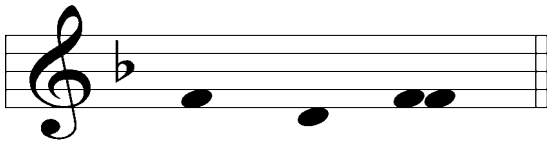
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

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



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

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

18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they

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said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1-12*

(Each of us must give an account before the Lord our God.)

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

5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written:

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



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

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

("Forgive your brother from your heart.")

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

SERMON *“How Jesus’ heavenly Father treats you”* Matthew 18:35

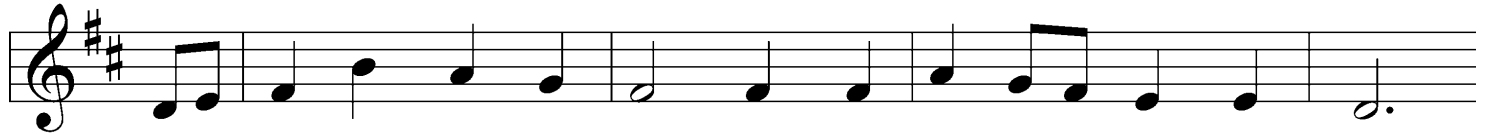
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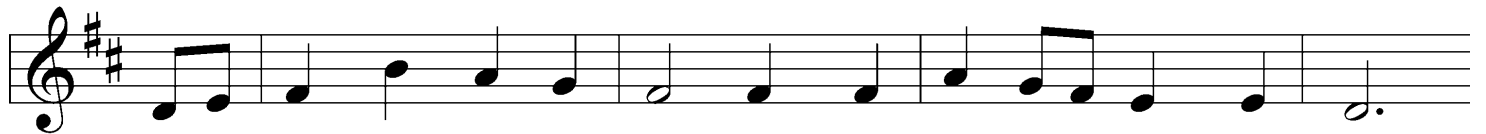
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I Lay My Sins on Jesus

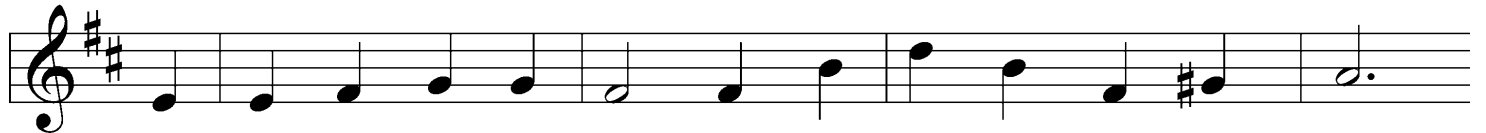
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1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Silence for prayer

P Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from being stingy with the mercy You have so generously shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life, [and especially for . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your blessing to the homes in which Your people dwell, to the married and single, to those with children, and to those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled, that in every place and at every time we rejoice in Your goodness in ordering all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Make us to be of one mind and one will, perfectly united in doctrine and faith, so that our communion here will testify to this harmony of belief; and grant to us grace so that we receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood always for our good and never in judgment against us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** The days are coming, O Lord, when all will be held to account before You. Grant us faith through these difficult days that we be brought to everlasting life, joined with the faithful who have lived and died in Christ and know Your perfect peace. Give comfort to all who grieve, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

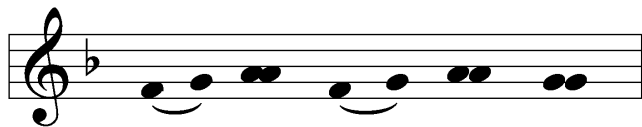
Silence for meditation

P You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

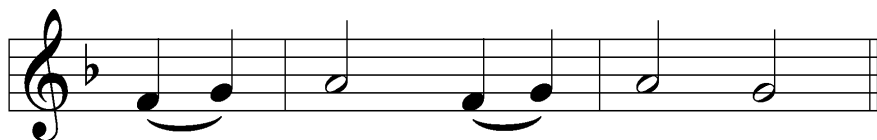
C Amen.

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PREFACE



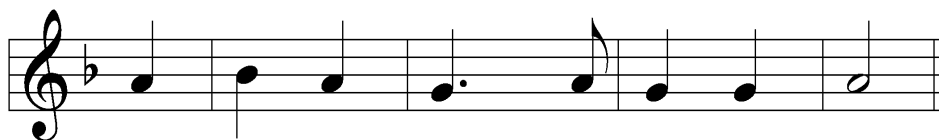
P The Lord be with you.



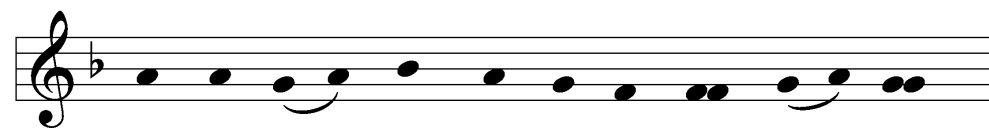
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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,



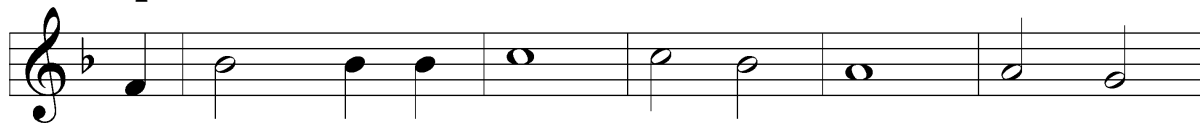
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

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

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.

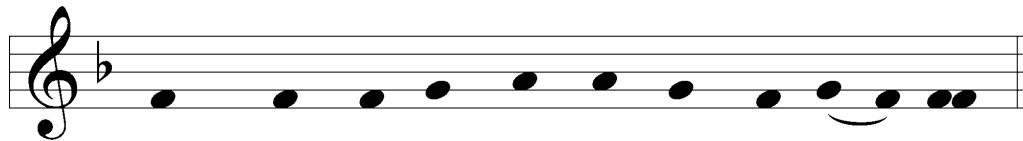
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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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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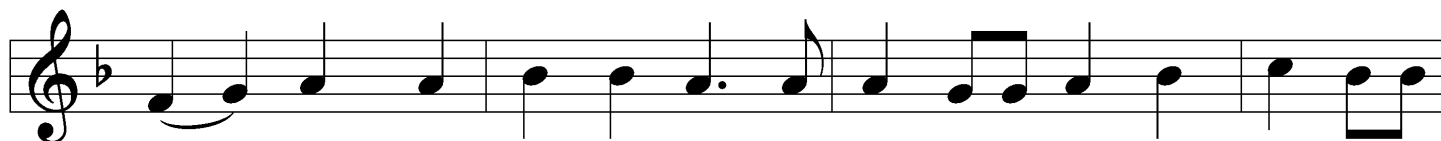


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

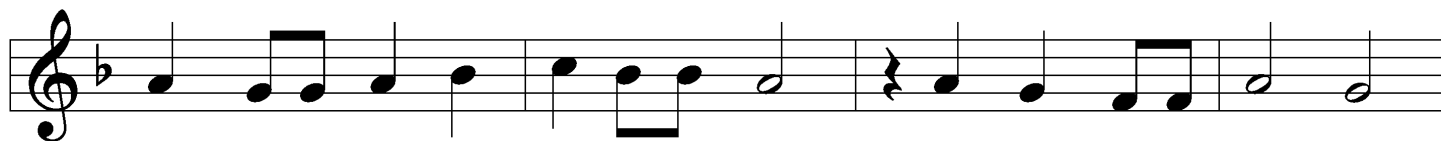
AGNUS DEI



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



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

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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

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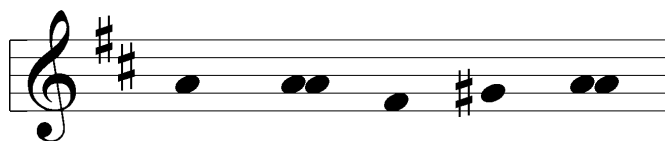
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, 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.

C A - men.

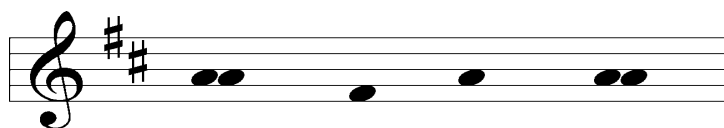
BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

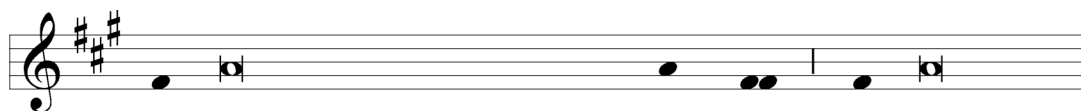


A Bless we the Lord.

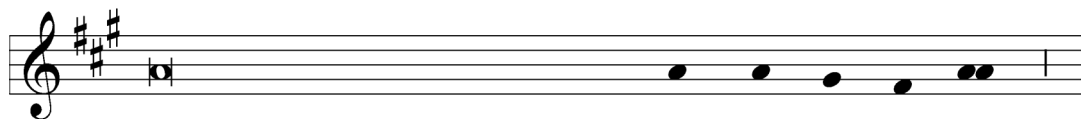


C Thanks be to God.

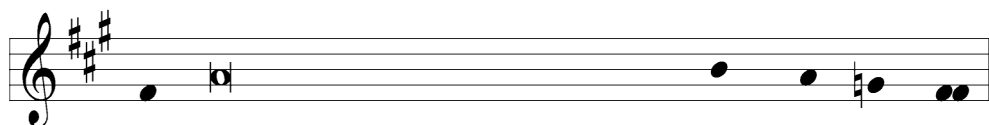
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



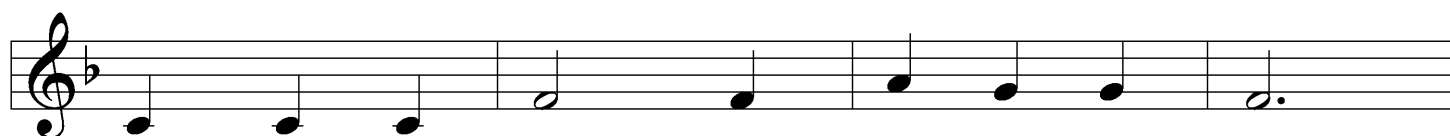
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

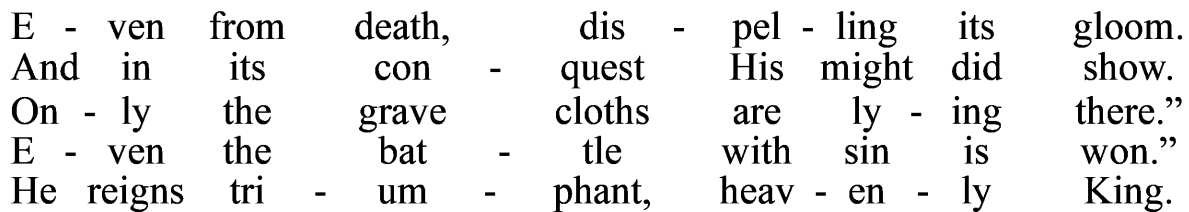
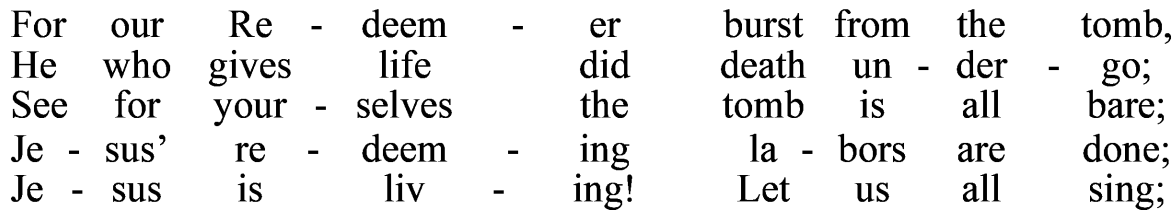
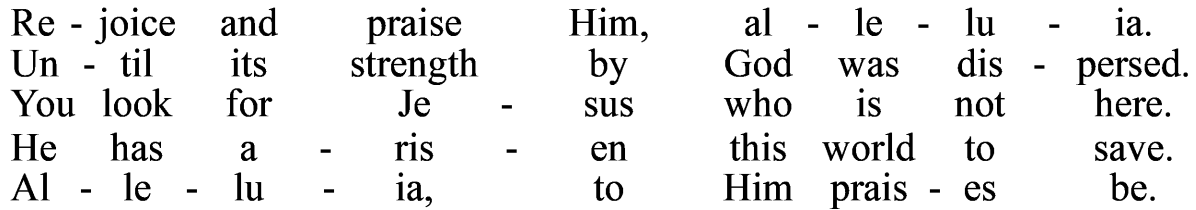
SENDING HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 20 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

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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.
- > *Happy Grandparents' Day* to all of Immanuel's grandparents.
- > Immanuel School will celebrating 16 de Septiembre, on Wednesday, September 16th
- > The church secretary will be on vacation from September 17th to 28th.
- > *Pastors' Wife Retreat* - Sept. 25th to 27th at Lone Star Camp, being attended by Monika Richardson and Maggie Weber.

Sermon Notes

9/6/2026		
Sunday Worship	50	
Plate:		\$ 370.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,003.00
On-line/ Tithely		\$ 750.00/--
Other:		
Memorial:		
Other: Bible Class	23	\$ 44.00
TOTAL		\$ 3,167.00

Budgeted Need YTD:	\$165,775
Actual Giving YTD:	\$117,274
Over/(Shortfall YTD:	(\$48,501)
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	

***SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST***
(PROPER 20)

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 27:1-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

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

Memory Verse Challenge: *Psalm 143:8*

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

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