SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JUNE 1, 2025

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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

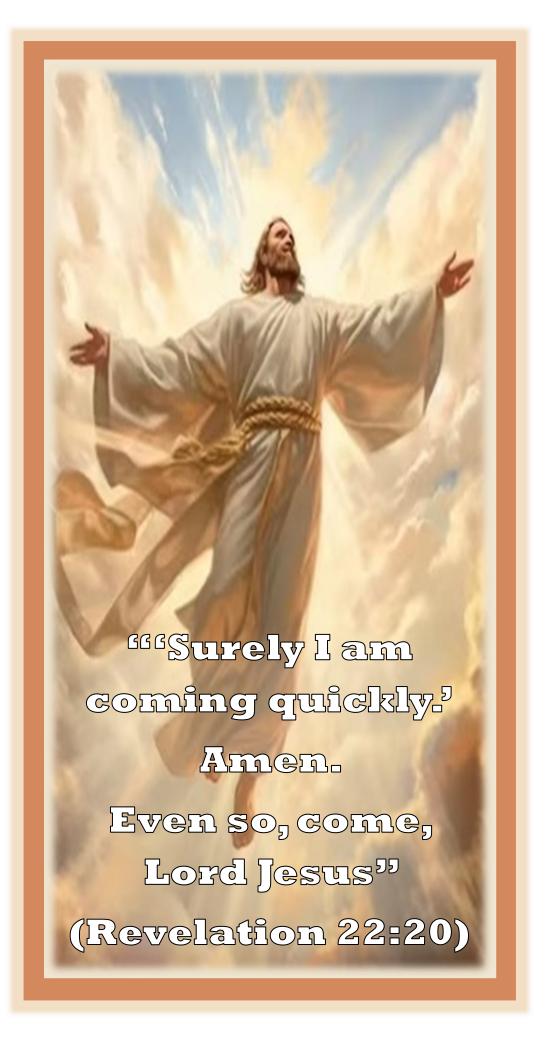
> > 10:30 A.M.

Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School

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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 - Lord Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Father, grant me faith to see beyond earthly divisions to the unity that exists between You and everyone who trusts in You for eternal salvation, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - How close must we be to achieve unity? For us sinners,

separation of even a little bit compromises unity. What we need is a single source to unite us. It is our singular Savior who is the only source of true unity. Our Readings today show us the one church continuing and Matthias elected to sit in Judas's chair. Jesus promises power to His followers and tells them to stay close and do His will. And our Lord even prays that they might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. Today we need to hear the Word of God to find strength for continuing our being the one Body of Christ.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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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.
- 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 +

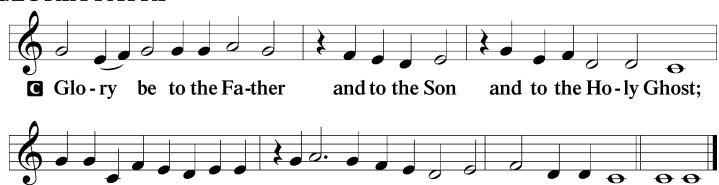
INTROIT *Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14; antiphon v.7*

- P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- C The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- P One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may well in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.
- C For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.
- P When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take (Continue on next page) 5

care of me.

- C Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!
- P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

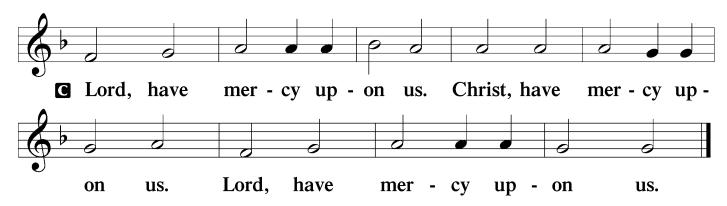
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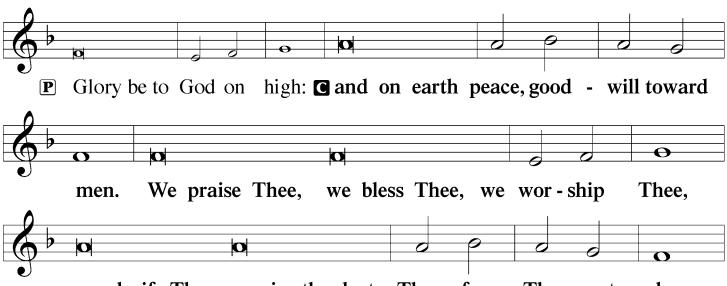
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

(Matthias is chosen to fill Judas's place.)

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples

(altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

'Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it'; and,

'Let another take his office.'

- 21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must mubecome a witness with us of His resurrection."
- 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.
- 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 133

- P Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- C It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.
- P It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.

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EPISTLE Revelation 22:1–20

(John sees a vision of heaven's perfection and glory.)

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

(Jesus prays for us, "that they may all be one.")

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and

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You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



SERMON

"Come who thirsts, for Jesus is coming quickly!"

Revelation 22:17,20

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348 vs.3-5



- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris ing morn When Christ, vic to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall dawn up-on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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

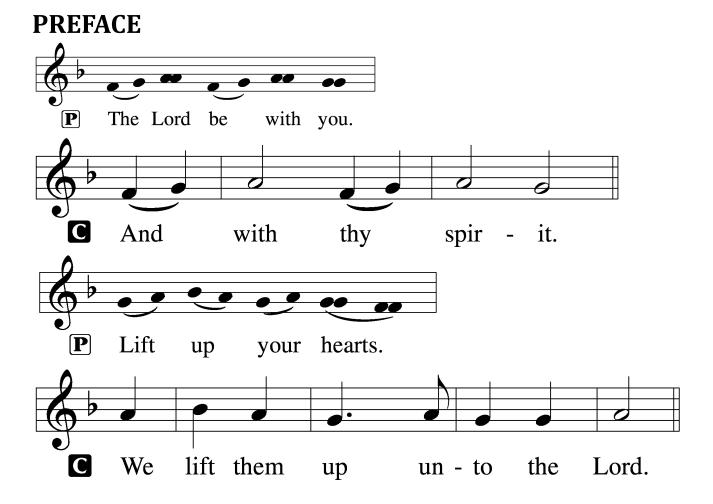
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

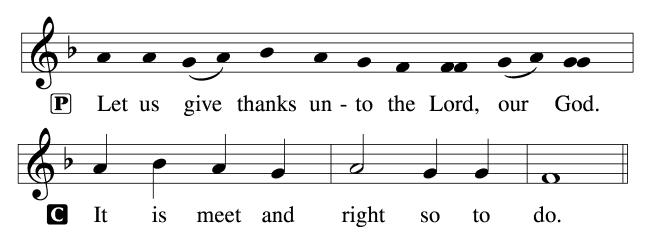
- P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.
 - For our brothers and sisters in the one church here and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed that the Holy Spirit would guide and govern those who call Jesus Lord and that they be led into the way of truth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Grant that they keep the faith in the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. Grant that they please You in all they do.
- P For those who sit in places of authority in this world, that God bless them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Grant that they respond to His grace by following His will and His commandments.
- P For those who travel, that they reach their destinations safely, serving Christ wherever they go, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Grant them wisdom and protection wherever they may be.
- P For all who raise crops and tend herds, all who distribute the world's bounty, and all who manage the resources of God's good creation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Open their eyes to see their efforts as serving God by ministering to the needs of people here and around the world.
- P For all who call out to God for healing and comfort, [especially . . .], that He visit and relieve them in His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Open doors of opportunity that we may aid their recovery and peace.
- P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, heavenly Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

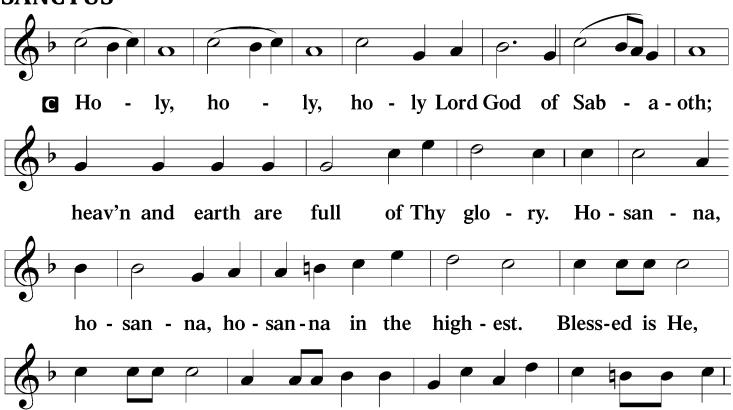
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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."

PAX DOMINI



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



world, have mer-ey up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb or God, tha



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



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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

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Comes Today with Healing* LSB 620 day with heal - ing, Knock - ing comes to priest pre - sid - ing, 2 Christ Him - self. the Yet in bread and wine, though low - ly, 3 Un - der bread and I re - ceive the de - scends with heav'n - ly 4 God pow - er, Gives Him - self door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par don, grace, and peace. wine a - bid - ing this ly In ho sac - ra - ment, Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod giv'n for y, me. this hour____ this In or di me nar - v sign. He Him - self makes Ι hear His prep - a - ra - tion, And Gives the bread cup, the of life. once bro - ken. And the Ver - v of Who Lamb God from heav - en. bit - ter to my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, On Ι ac - cept His

- ta tion: "Come and the bless - ed feast." vi taste in pre - cious His to - ken Of cred cov - e - nant. sa -Hung death was giv - en, up - on the curs - ed tree. grace, be - liev - ing That His love di - vine. I taste
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor. Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

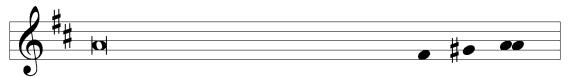
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THANKSGIVING



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



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

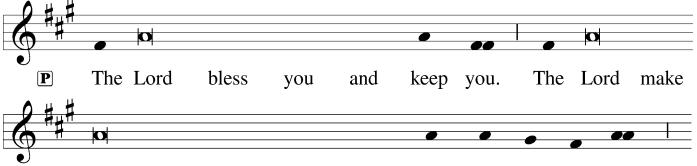


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BENEDICTION



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



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



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On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921



- 1 On what has now been sown Thy bless ing, Lord, be stow;
- To Thee our wants From Thee pow'rs; are known, are all our grant that each Now be - fore Thee of met here. us,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais - May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise! es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give. low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

June Activities

- > Elders' Meeting Tuesday, June 3rd @ 9:00 a.m.
- > TX District Convention June 5th thru 7th in Houston, TX
- > Father's Day Sunday, June 15th
- > Summer officially begins, June 20th

Sermon Notes		
Seventh		
Sunday		
Easter		

Memory Verse Challenge:

This Week's

Psalm 56:3

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

5/25/2025

Sunday Worship 30

Plate: \$ 510.00

Envelopes: \$ 938.00

Envelopes-Other:

Donation:

On Line

Memorial:

Total: \$ 1,448.00

Bible Class: **12** \$ 4.00

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 143

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:23-31

Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples "may become perfectly one" in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from "before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world "with one accord" as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, "Come" (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us "the water of life without price" to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from "the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit" (Rev. 22:2).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	June Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus		
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/ Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Seventh Sunday of Easter		
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	The Day of Pentecost		
Usher:	Ken Eilers		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	