SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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.

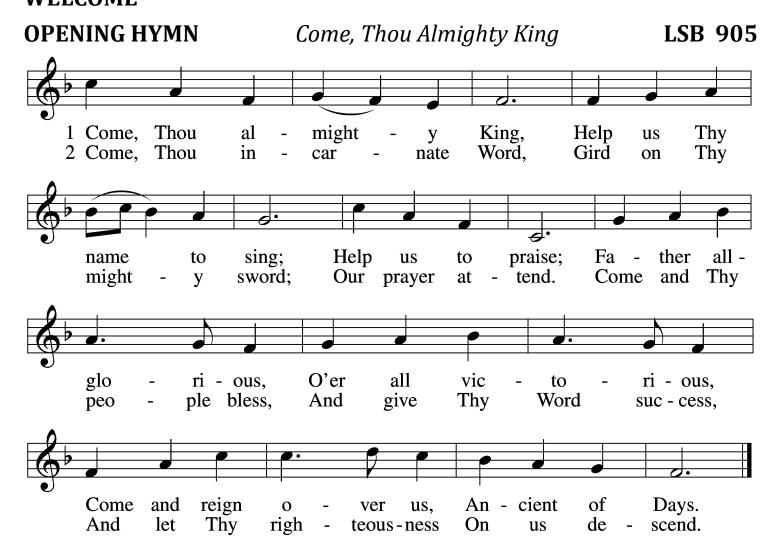
A Prayer Upon Entering Church - All-present, eternal Holy Spirit, who sustains Your church through trial, safeguards her against temptation, and secures her in the triumph of my Savior, Jesus Christ, produce in Your people the fruits of faithfulness, kept in true worship and service through the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, namely Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

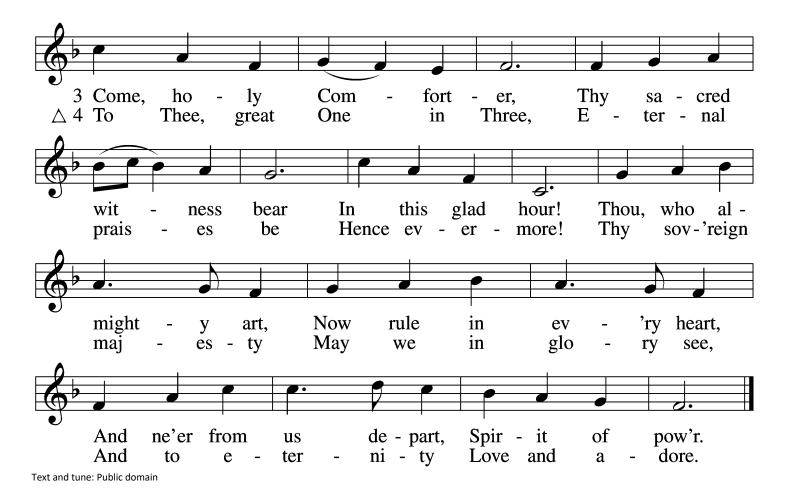
AS WE GATHER - The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

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
 - 4 heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 71:20-24; antiphon: v. 3 **INTROIT**

- Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.
- \mathbf{C} You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- You shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side. P
- \mathbf{C} Also with the lute I will praise You—and Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.
- P My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed.
- My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; \mathbf{C} for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame who seek my hurt.
- Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have P given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

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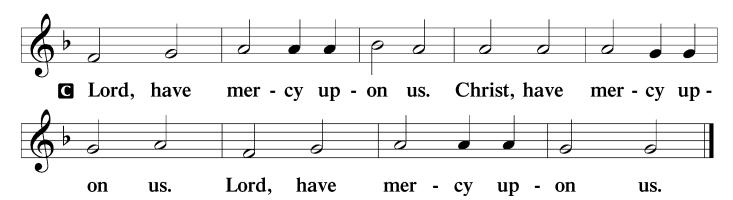
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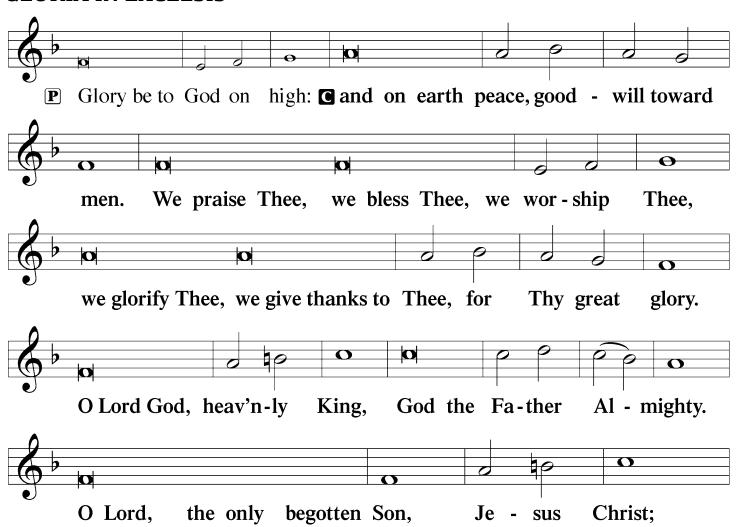


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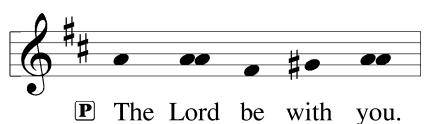


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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY





P O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 65:1–9*

(The Lord who redeems declares to the nations, "Here am I!" seeking their hearts and their faithfulness.)

- 1 "I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that was not called by My name.
- 2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts;
- 3 A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense on altars of brick;
- 4 Who sit among the graves, and spend the night in the tombs; who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5 Who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than you!' These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. 6 "Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silence, but will repay—even repay into their bosom—

7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together," says the Lord, "who have burned incense on the mountains and blasphemed Me on the hills; therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom." 8 Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, 'Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it,' so will I do for My servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.

- 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah an heir of My mountains; my elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 3; antiphon: v. 8*

- P Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.
- C Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.
- P Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God."
- C But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.
- P I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill.
- C I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.
- P I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- C Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- P Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:19-4:7*

(The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that are home to the Holy Spirit.)

19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

(Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)

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



26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" 29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. 37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to

your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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.

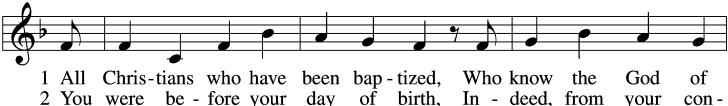
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596 vs,1-4



3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -

¹² 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of Con-demned and with all the earth, None good, with cep - tion, lost of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a -The wa ter er. With all He once sac - ri - ficed And free - lv cov - ered that



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, **Turned** out Ad - am and Old his de-stroyed And gain what-ev - er sin suf - fered. For here the flood His own blood of Now for us



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SERMON "Your baptismal blessings in Christ!" Galatians 3:26-29 **OFFERING**

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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 Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful of every nation, that they be so called by the Gospel and equipped to declare to their communities how much God has done for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Your one holy Christian and apostolic church, that believers might be united in sound teaching and a clear confession of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in grief, struggling with addiction, anxiety, and chronic disease, awaiting Your deliverance, and those hurting among us, [including . . .], let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those growing in their faith, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or training for the ministry, that they be encouraged in the way and defended from evil, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, that parents and caregivers be guided by Your wisdom to lovingly serve their neighbors and all in their care, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

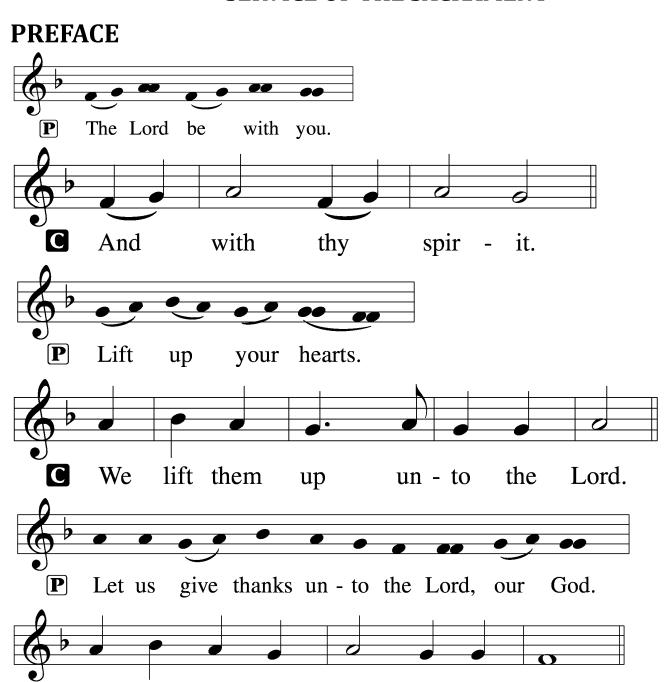
P For the fruit of the Spirit to blossom in the lives of all believers, to the glory of God the Father, and pointing hearts to Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all this, and whatever more Your fatherly mercy would grant to us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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It is truly good, proper, and beneficial 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 by His triumph over sin and Satan has cast out the demons of darkness and has welcomed believers of all nations into His covenant of grace. Crucified, resurrected, and alive forevermore, we anticipate Christ's coming again in glory, when the fruits of His cross will be evident in the redeemed who stand blameless before His throne. So with

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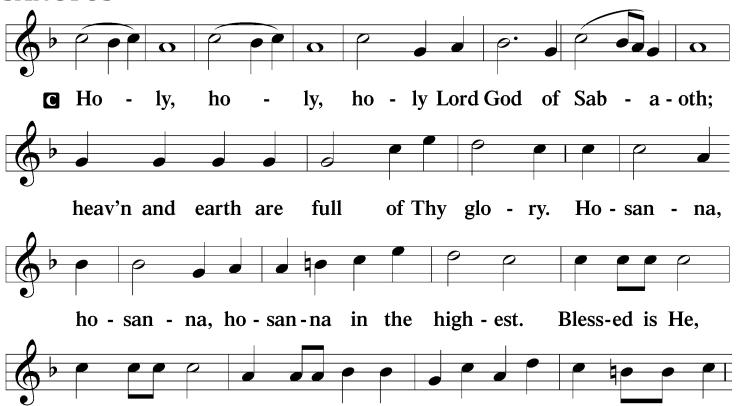
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anticipation, we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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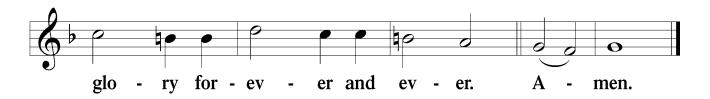


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LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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

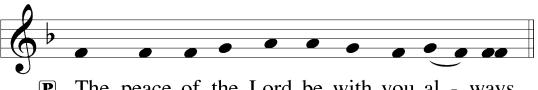




THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

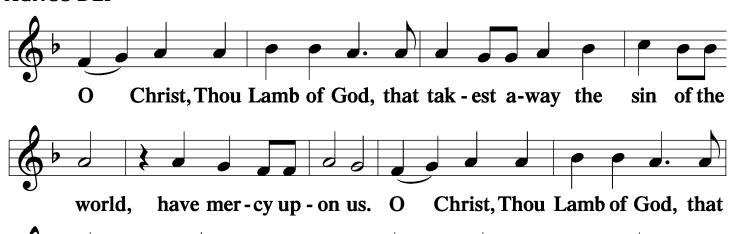
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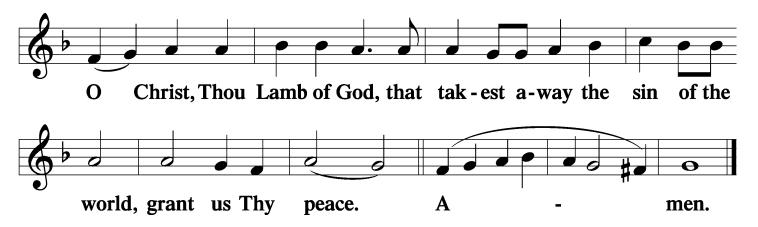
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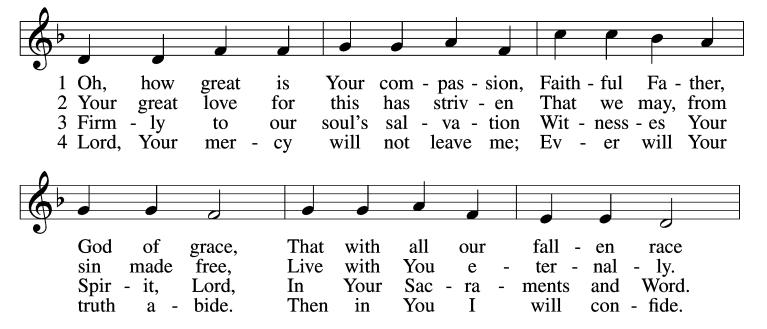
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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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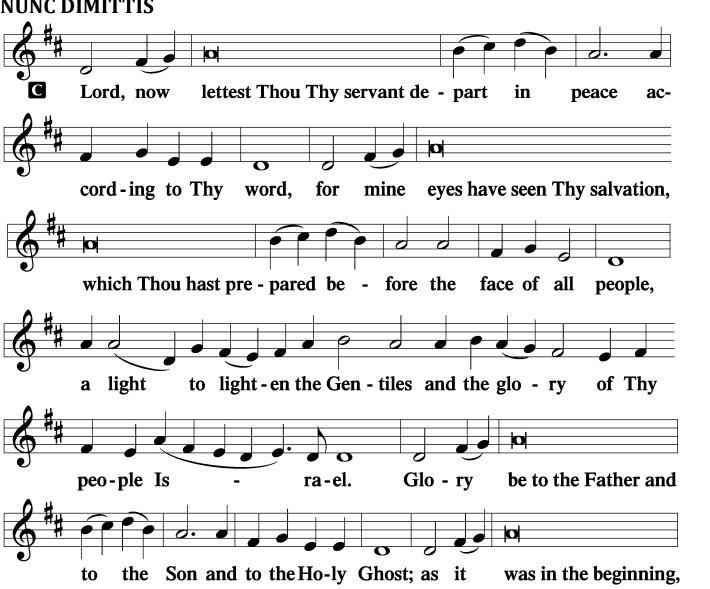
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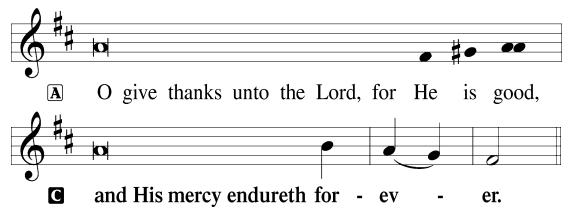
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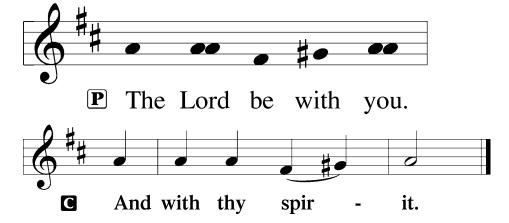
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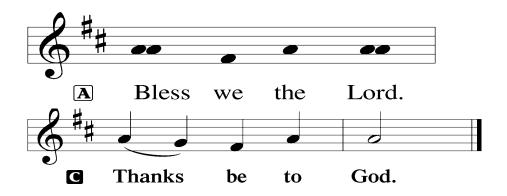


P Let us pray. Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

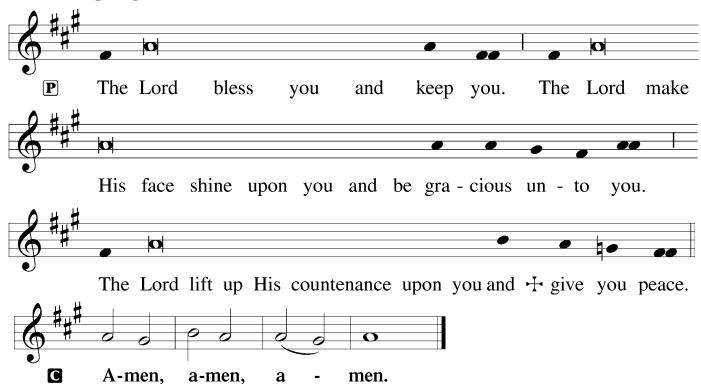


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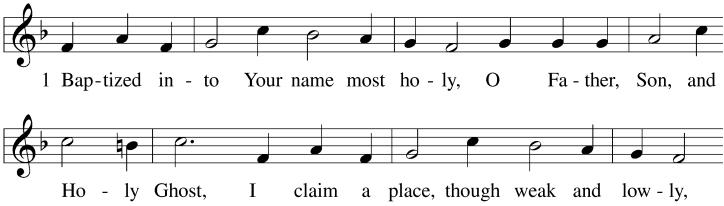


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SENDING HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy







DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Portals of Prayer for <u>July to September 2025</u> are available in the Narthex or office.

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

July Activities

- > Elders' Meeting Tuesday, July 1st @ 9:00 a.m.
- > Fourth of July, (Friday) Independence Day have a safe and enjoyable day!
- > Office will be closed, July 9th through the 23rd! Vacation Time!!!
- > Voters' Meeting 2nd Quarter Tuesday, July 15th @ 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran School

Roundup Time

for 2025-2026

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

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

Memory Verse Challenge:

This Week's

Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,

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



Free will donation for the church
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Sermon Notes		
/Summer time		

6/15/2025

Sunday Worship 43

Plate: \$ 233.00

Envelopes: \$ 1,555.00

Envelopes-Other:

Donation:

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Memorial:

Total: \$ 1,788.00

Bible Class: **22** \$ 16.00

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 8)

1 Kings 19:9b–21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13–25 Luke 9:51–62

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	June Sunday Servants:		
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus		
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/ Maggie Weber		
Music:	Doris Pickering		
This Week	Second Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Dan Wehling		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am	
Next Week	Third Sunday after Pentecost		
Usher:	Don Vogel		
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am	_
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