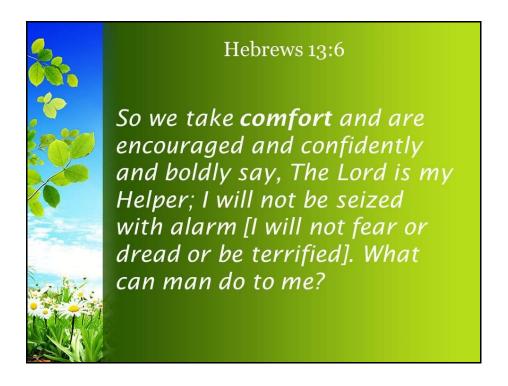
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



THE DIVINE SERVICE IV

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 10:00am

3000 West Main Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER-

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today's Gospel Reading shows Jesus healing a man with Dropsy on the Sabbath and continues into a discussion he had with the Pharisees about the Sabbath and about taking care of those who cannot help in return. In this discussion Jesus is revealing to the Pharisees about the true purpose of the law, as well as the true source of our relationship with God. The Pharisees thought they built their relationship with God through the Law and lived accordingly. But in today's service reflect on how we can know with certainty that we have a good standing with God, and how does this change the way we approach the Law.

PRELUDE

SARA McGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.*

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

GOD IS HERE!

WOV 719

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

*EXHORTATION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?Cong: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Pastor:

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*CONFESSION OF SINS

Cong: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

* THE WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for

His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

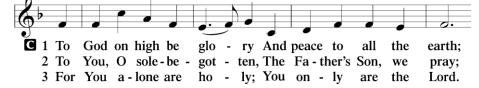
Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 25:2-10 (ESV)

Lector: It is the glory of God to conceal things,

but the glory of kings is to search things out.

As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,

so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver,

and the smith has material for a vessel;

take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbor puts you to shame?

Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM PSALM 131 (ESV)

Lector: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; Cong: my eyes are not raised too high;

Lector: I do not occupy myself with things

Cong: too great and too marvelous for me.

Lector: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, **Cong:** like a weaned child with its mother;

Lector: like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Cong: O Israel, hope in the Lord

Lector: from this time forth and forevermore.

Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 13:1-17 (ESV)

Lector:

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to thereby have entertained for some strangers, unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled. for God will judge the sexually immoral adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

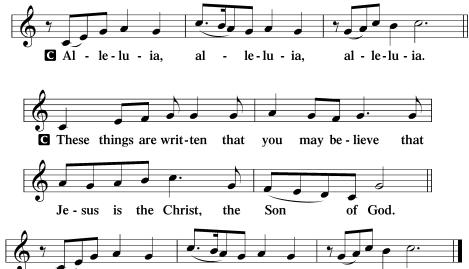
Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.





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*HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 14:1-14 (ESV)

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Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Luke the fourteenth chapter.

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Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

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Pastor: One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

BLEST ARE THEY

WOV 764

*APOSTLES' CREED

Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord,

in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him,

called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout

the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in

doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place

where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the

healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land,

and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your

mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult Lector:

> circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (pause.) Comfort them with Your promise that

You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us Lector:

> faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small

and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer. Cong:

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Pastor:

Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Cong: Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Pastor:

And also with you. Cong:

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or

similar words: Peace be with you.

OFFERTORY

MOVEMENT 3 FROM CANTATA "CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN" JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH DUET BY LINDA RICHTER AND MARK MILLER

Den Tod niemand zwingen konnt bei allen Menschen kindern; das macht alles unsre Sünd, kein Unschuld war zu finden. Davon kam der Tod so bald und nahm über uns Gewalt, hielt uns in seim Reich gefangen. Halleluja.

No one could defeat death among all humanity, this was all because of our sins, no innocence was to be found. Therefore death came so soon and took power over us, held us captive in his kingdom. Hallelujah!



We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion on the back page of this worship folder.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

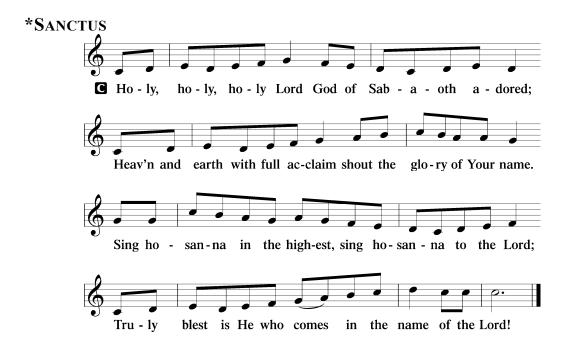
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God Cong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

*LORD'S PRAYER

Cong:

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

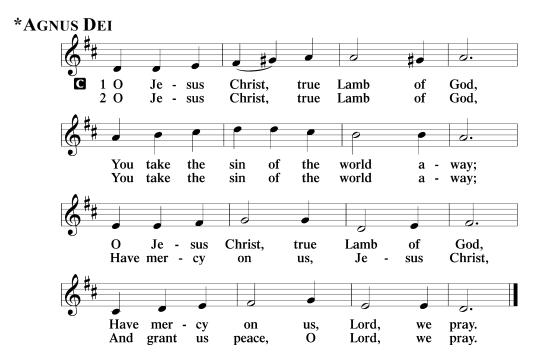
*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

WOV 702

BLESSED ASSURANCE

WOV 699

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: 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 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.



*BLESSING

Assist: Let us bless the Lord. Cong: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY W/ THE BAUMGARTS:

Tuesday nights at Immanuel starting Sept. 16—at 7pm.

Our study will be one of the Minor Prophets—Hosea.

All are welcome to join us and learn about God's relentless love for his people! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie or Larry Baumgart.

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ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Candace Graham, former ILC member, was recently diagnosed with stage three laryngeal cancer. She and husband will be traveling to Ann Arbor daily for the next seven weeks, starting on August 25, for radiation treatment and chemotherapy.

GRIEF: Christie Sidwell's mother, **Dwanna** "**Suzie" Brink**, age 83, passed away at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids on Sunday morning, 8/24/25, while surrounded by her family. A memorial service was held on Friday, 8/29/25 at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven.

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum, requested by Chuck and	Susan & Gregory Fritz, Stephanie Beck's parents				
Amber Townsend					
Amy Stillwell, sister of Dave Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey, friend of Dotty Smith				
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack, requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck				
John Blasko, requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell, sister of Shelly Reynolds				
Kyle Reinbold Family, requested by Kyle's	James Leo Brown, requested by Shelly and Dave				
sister, Sonya DeVary	Reynolds				
Karen McDougall, requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo, friend of Susan Steuer				
Katie VerKow, former member of	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by				
Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Jonathan Fritz				
Vicki Dilley, requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Bill Brink, Christie Sidwell's brother				
Joanne Cleason, Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa, friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura				
Marie Winberg, godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer, requested by her father				
Lisa and David Wentzel, Sue Steuer's	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie, friends of Dotty				
cousins	Smith				
Ware Washam, requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale, requested by Stephen Presdorf				
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman				
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht, John Hecht's mother				
Loren Gerber, Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell				
Sharon S., requested by Dotty Smith	Charlie Miller, Marian Brugh's brother				
Ruth Krueger	Jason, son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson				
Deb, friend of Sue Steuer	Karen Petersen, daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet				
Sophie Rose Verile, Brindley's grandniece	Justin Nickels, requested by Justin Beck				
Linda & Scott Spurlock, req. by Esther C.	Marilyn Borgeson, Annie Hecht's grandmother				
Merry Linn, Sally Crawford's sister	Lynne Partridge, friend of Christa Perri				
Mae Westphal, Vivian's & Wayne's	Gus Reck, 3 y.o. grandson of Bob & Maryalice				
granddaughter	Reck				
Thomas Nault, Sue Wagner's cousin	Otto, Pastor Quardokus' grandson				
Mary Reynolds, mother of Amy Stilwell	Candace Graham, former ILC member				
	friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint, Kim's				
cousin's baby					
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country					
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst & John Miller					

CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER'S MISSION: CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES

SUNDAY	Mon	TUES	WED	THURS	Fri	SAT
31 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	LABOR DAY	5:30 PM MARY/MARTHA	3	4	5	6
7 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	8	9 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	10	11	12	13 10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY
14 8:30am Choir PRACTICE 9:15am Sunday School 10 am Communion Service	15	16 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	17	7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG	19	20
21 8:0AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	22	23 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC	24	25	26	27
10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MTG.		7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC				

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule								
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour		
Sunday 8/31/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & Larry Baumgart	Rita Clarke		
Sunday 9/7/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	John Wagner & Craig Anderson	Maryalice Reck		
Sunday 9/14/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Jane Schley	John Wagner	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Sue & John Wagner		
Sunday 9/21/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Jane S.— coffee Melanie B Snacks		
Sunday 9/28/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller		
Sunday 10/5/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Shelly Reynolds		
Sunday 10/12/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Amber & Chuck Townsend		

TAKE HOME DISCUSSIONS

God is not just with us on Sunday Morning, but every day. Therefore, we should reflect on him every day. Feel free to study these verses, and ask these questions to yourselves, your family, friends and coworkers throughout this week. If you have any questions on any of these, or just want to talk about them further, feel free to reach out to Pastor Josh as well, he would love to have these conversations with you.

Monday- Philippians 2: 1-4

What does it mean to "count others as more significant than yourself"?

Tuesday- Romans 5:6-8

What did we have to offer Jesus when he died for us? How does this impact how we view other people?

Wednesday- Galatians 5:13-14

How is the Law fulfilled when we love our neighbors as ourselves?

Thursday-1 John 4:11-12

Who is revealed in us when we love one another?

Friday- Proverbs 14:31

Why is God insulted when we refuse to take care of the poor and needy?

Saturday- Acts 2:42-47

What were some things the Early Church did to show love to God and one another? How can we do this today?



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

- 1. Be Baptized Christians.
- 2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (1 Corinthians 11:28)
- 3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew* 26:26-28)
- 3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Noncommuning children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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