Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Divine Service II
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

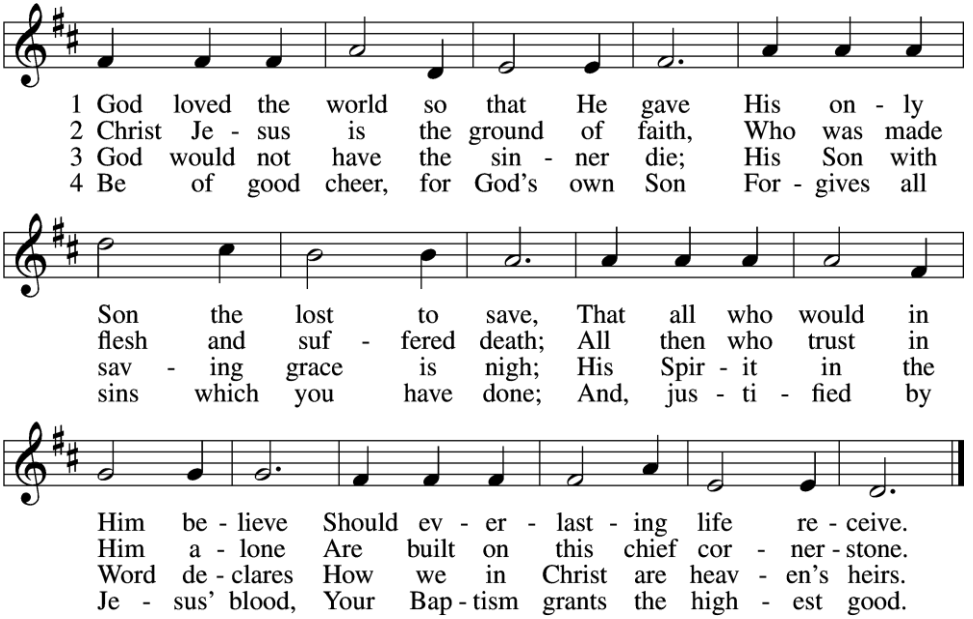
PRELUDE — SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE — LSB571



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

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

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*INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence)

Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

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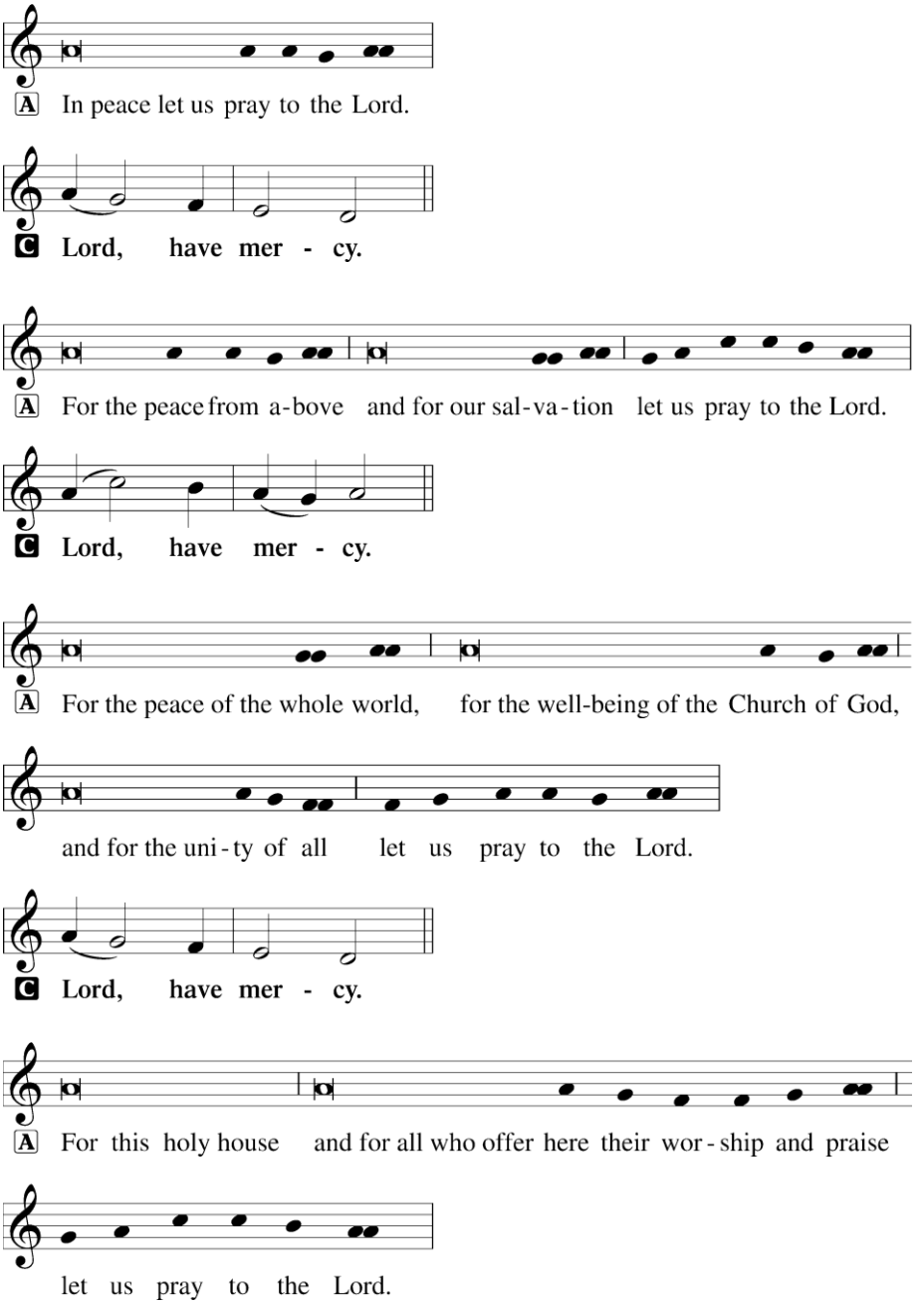
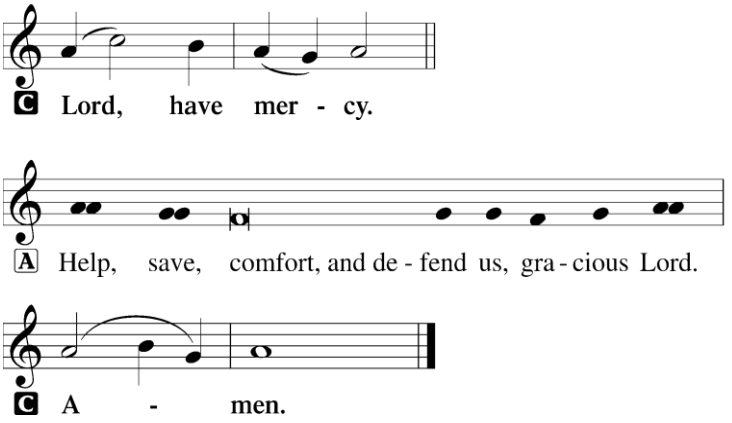

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.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Lord, have mer - cy.
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Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
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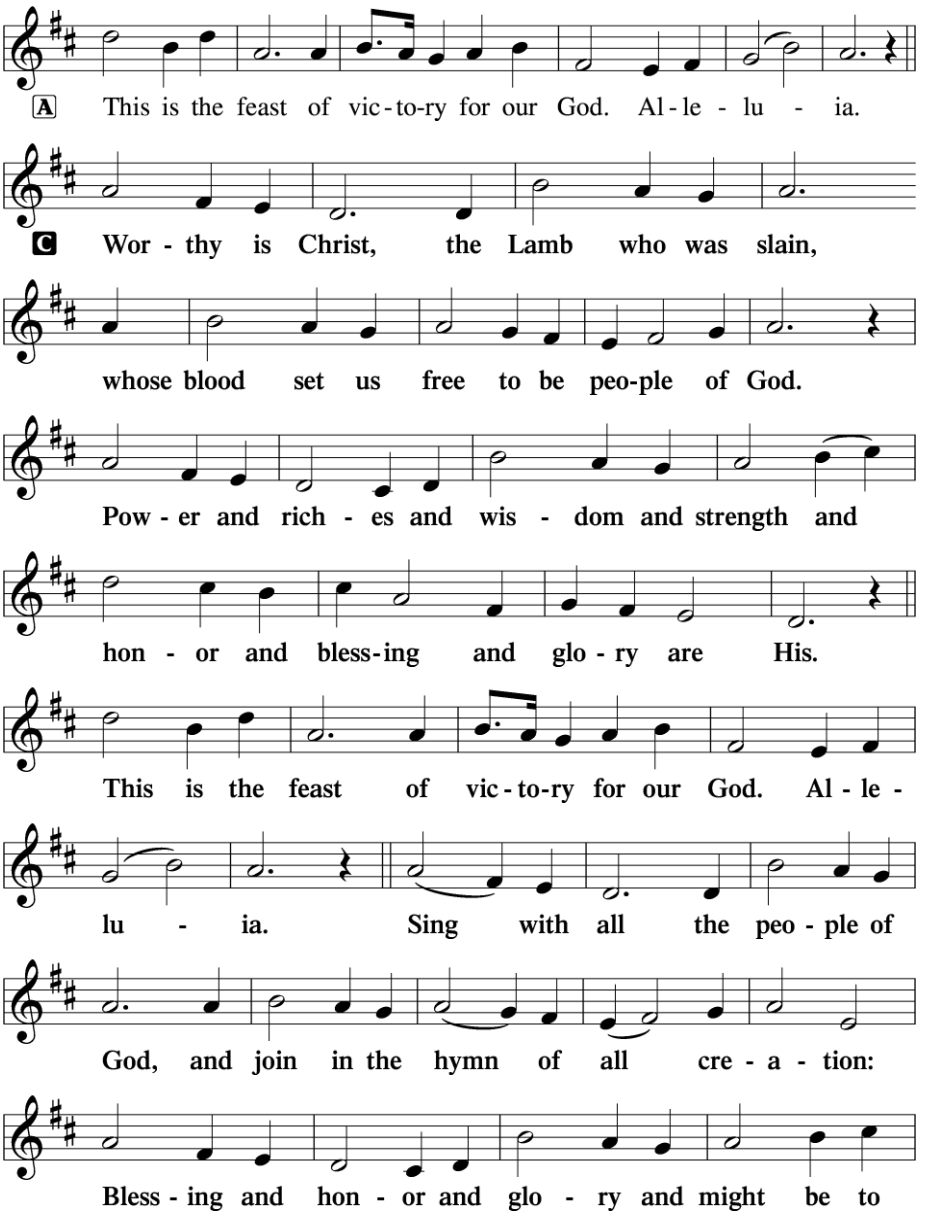
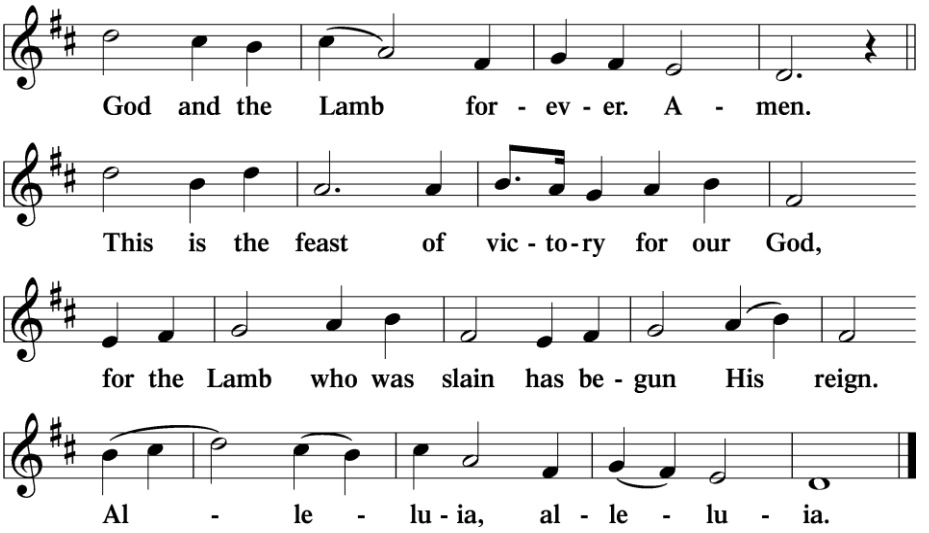



SERVICE OF THE WORD

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING — ISAIAH 55: 6-9 (ESV)

Lector: "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM — PSALM 27: 1-9 (ESV)

Lector: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Cong: whom shall I fear?

Lector: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Cong: of whom shall I be afraid?

Lector: When evildoers assail me
Cong: to eat up my flesh,

Lector: my adversaries and foes,
Cong: it is they who stumble and fall.

Lector: Though an army encamp against me,
Cong: my heart shall not fear;

Lector: though war arise against me,
Cong: yet I will be confident.

Lector: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
Cong: that will I seek after:

Lector: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
Cong: all the days of my life,

Lector: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
Cong: and to inquire in his temple.

Lector: For he will hide me in his shelter
Cong: in the day of trouble;

Lector: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
Cong: he will lift me high upon a rock.

Lector: And now my head shall be lifted up
Cong: above my enemies all around me,

Lector: and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
Cong: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Lector: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
Cong: be gracious to me and answer me!

Lector: You have said, "Seek my face."
Cong: My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Lector: Hide not your face from me.
Cong: Turn not your servant away in anger,

Lector: O you who have been my help.
Cong: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

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 PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

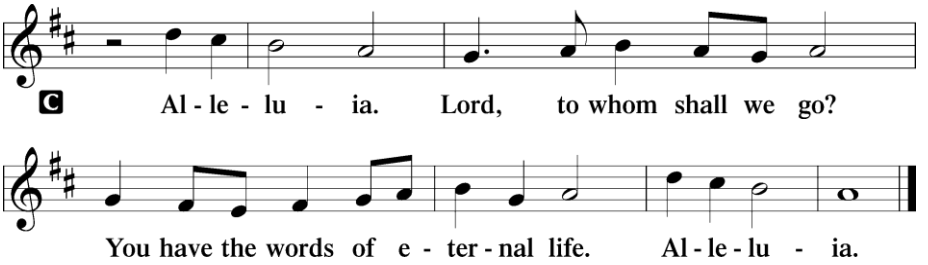
Lector: I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

…for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

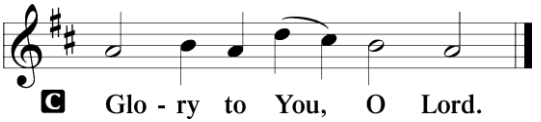
Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 20: 1-16 (ESV)

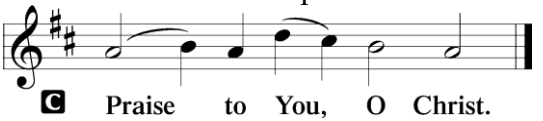
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.



"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

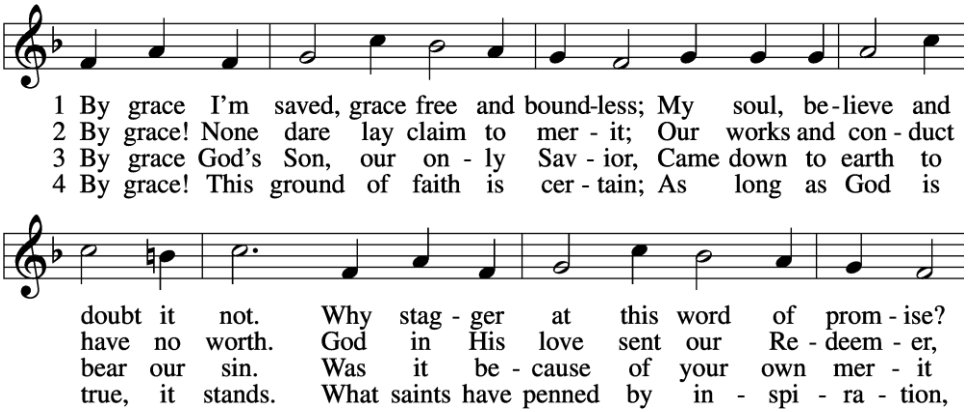
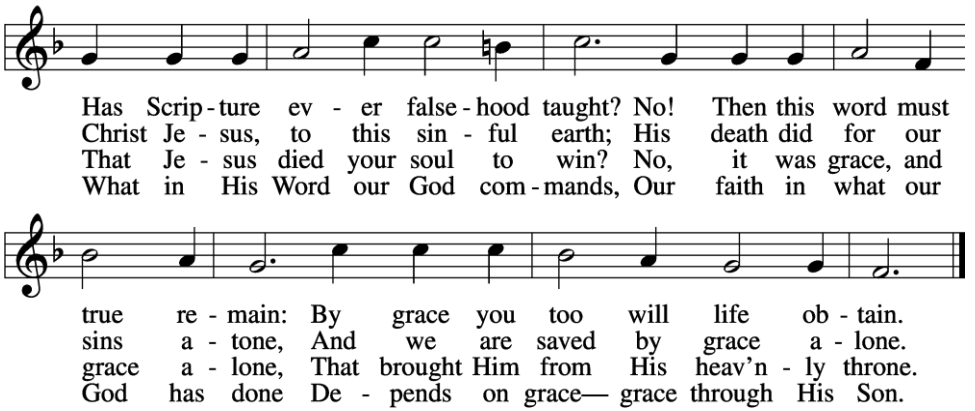
Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *BY GRACE I'M SAVED* LSB 566



5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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SERMON **PASTOR VINCENT IQBAL**

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: **Amen.**

***NICENE CREED**

Cong: **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.

*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.

Divine Master, Your ways are high above the ways of men. You put the last first, abundantly pardon sinners and make death great gain for Your servants. Enlighten our hearts with this wisdom from Your Word, that we may lead fruitful lives in the midst of a foolish world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, keep us all ever mindful that it is only by Your grace we are included in Your kingdom and privileged to serve in it. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord God of life and death, whether we live or die, we are Yours. Embolden Your Church to honor You with our bodies in this life, that we may also depart this life in faith to be with Christ, which is far better. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious God, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on all Your servants who are sick, depressed, lonely, ignored, shut in or in hospice care, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Guard them and keep their faith strong, that they may know with certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful Lord, Your Son's body and blood provides us a foretaste of the feast to come. Bless the pastors who serve us these sacred mysteries. Strengthen all who commune today through the forgiveness of sins You bestow. Nourish all who are still being instructed, and bring them soon to Your table. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

*PEACE

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

Cong: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

OFFERING

There are plates offered in the back of the church. If you would like to donate via ACH from your checking or savings account (through the Vanco Mobile App or the Vanco Website) or by Credit/Debit Card (through the Clover website), please scan the appropriate QR code below. A credit card reader is available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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OFFERTORY ***GRACIOUS SPIRIT DWELL WITH ME***

BY K. LEE SCOTT
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;

And with words that help and heal
Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek,
For Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see,
I would be like thee;

And with wisdom kind and clear
Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly,
Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly,
Make me more like thee;

Separate from sin I would,
And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see,
I would be like thee;

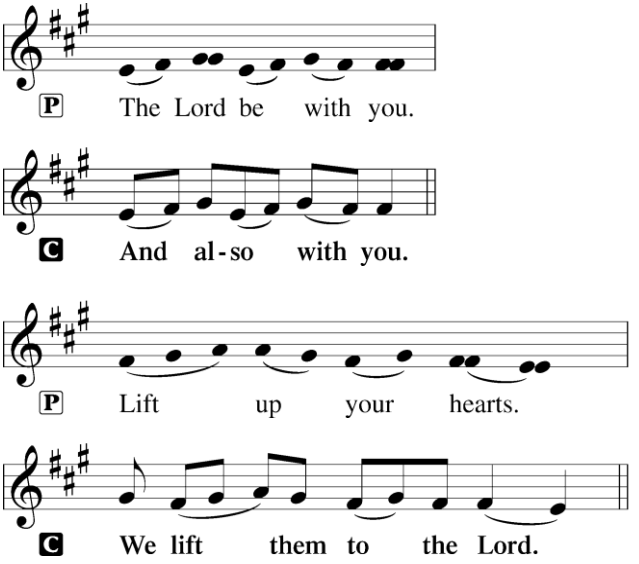
'Gainst all weapons hell can weild,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory.

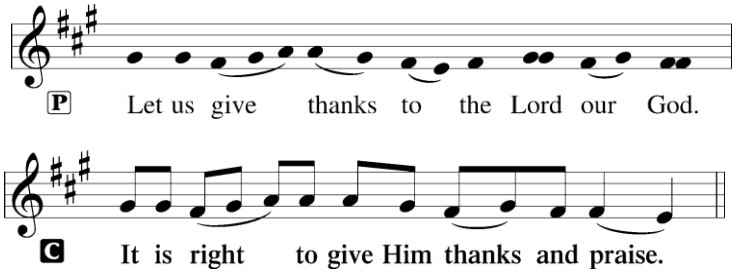
Gracious Spirit, swell with me,
I would be like thee!

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

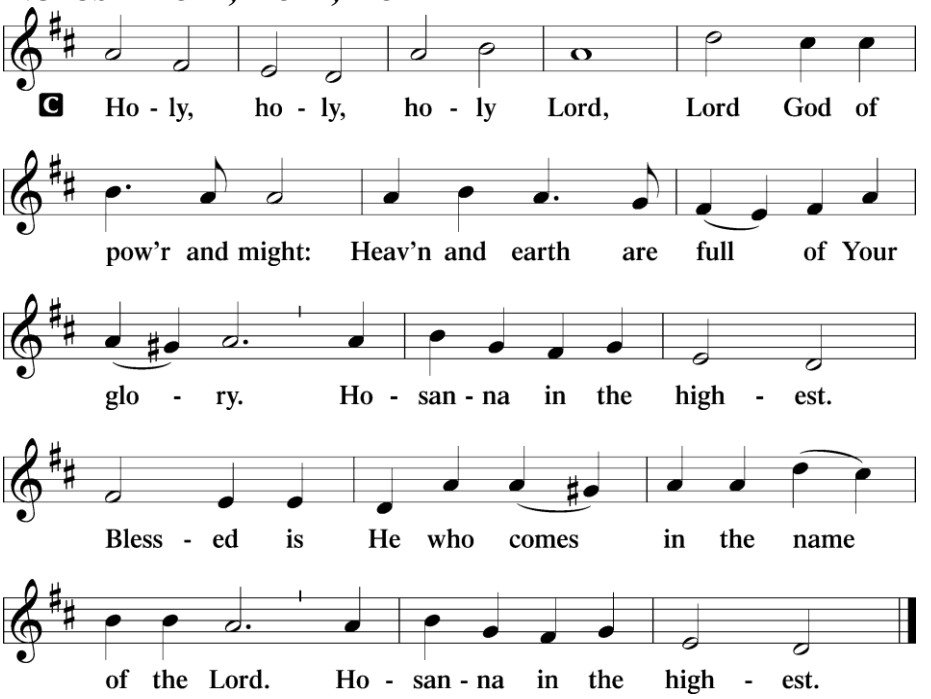
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE





Pastor: 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. 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 ~ *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: 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."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

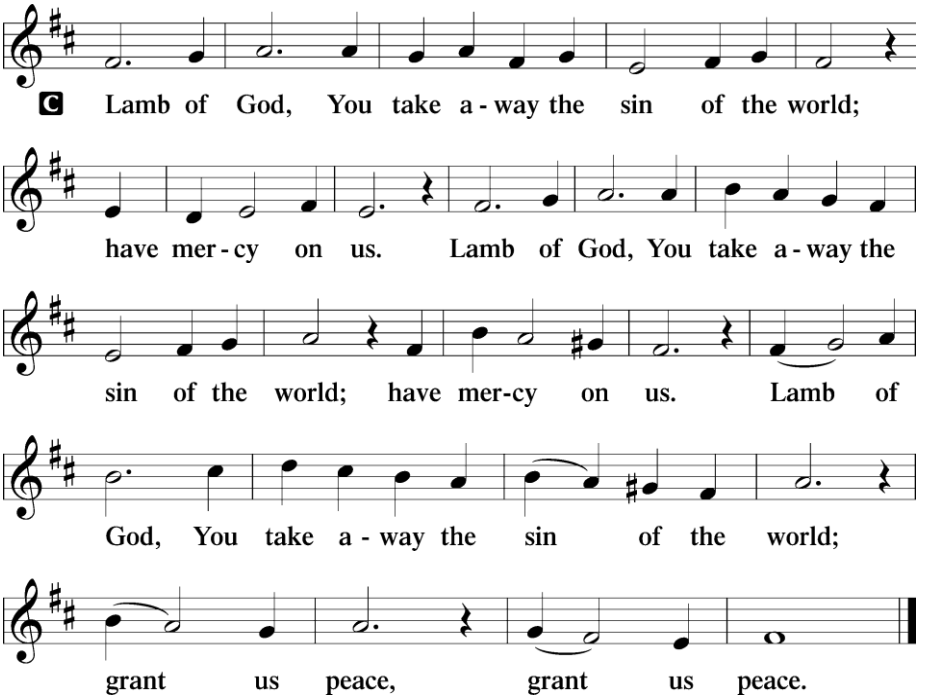
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***PAX DOMINI**

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

*AGNUS DEI



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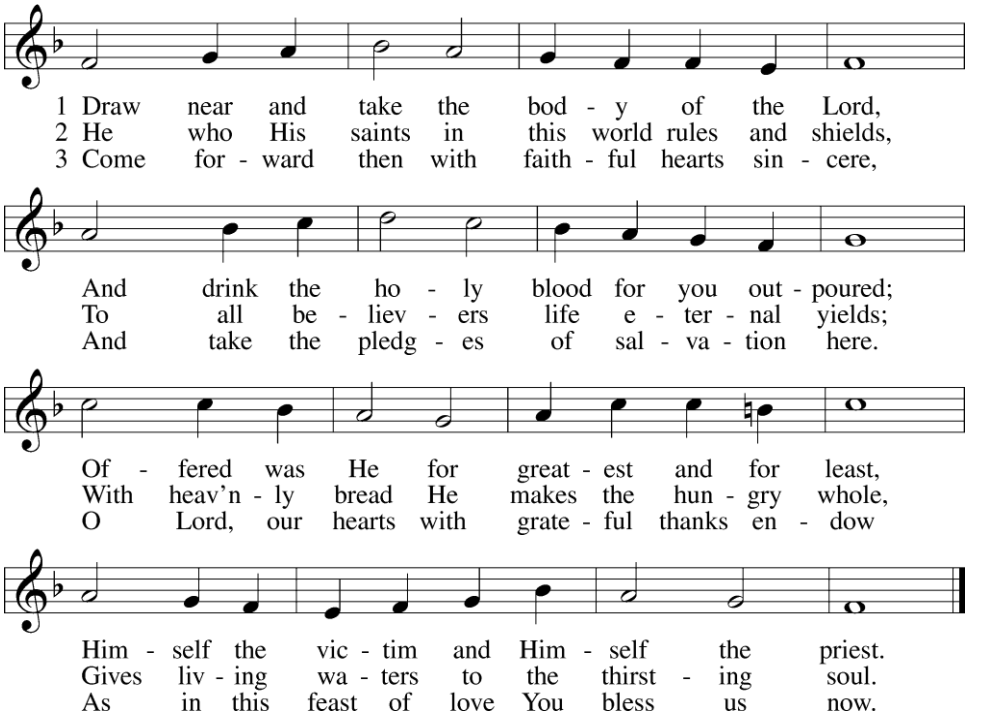
{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD LSB 637



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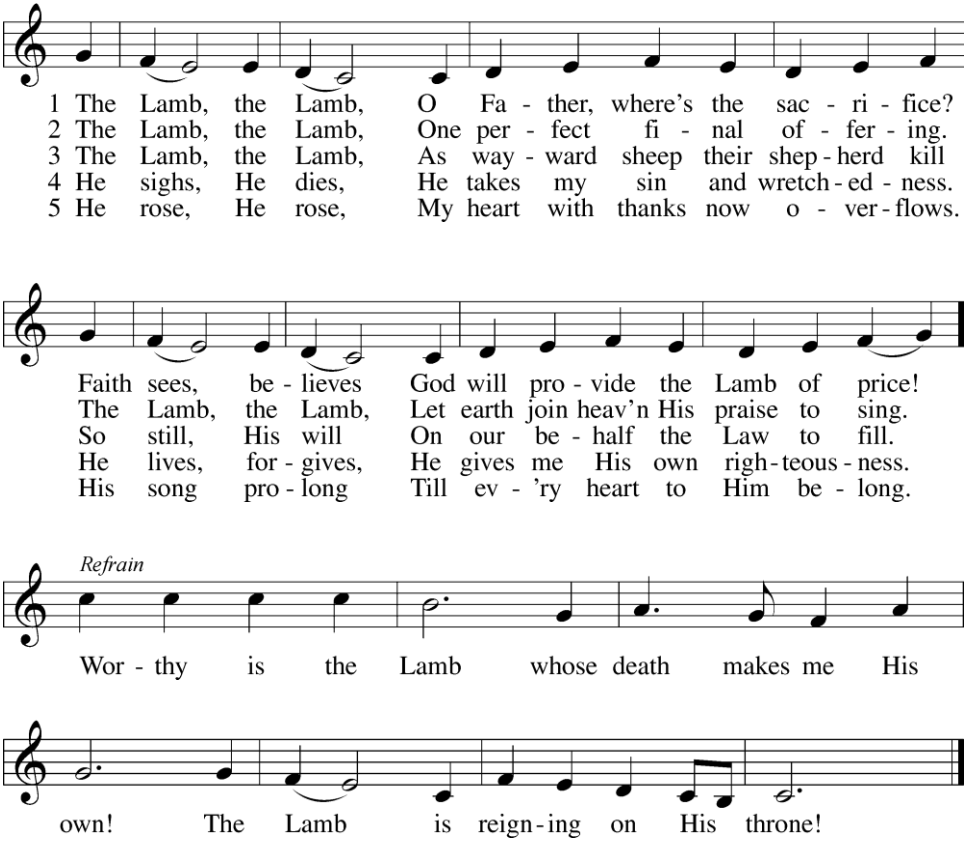
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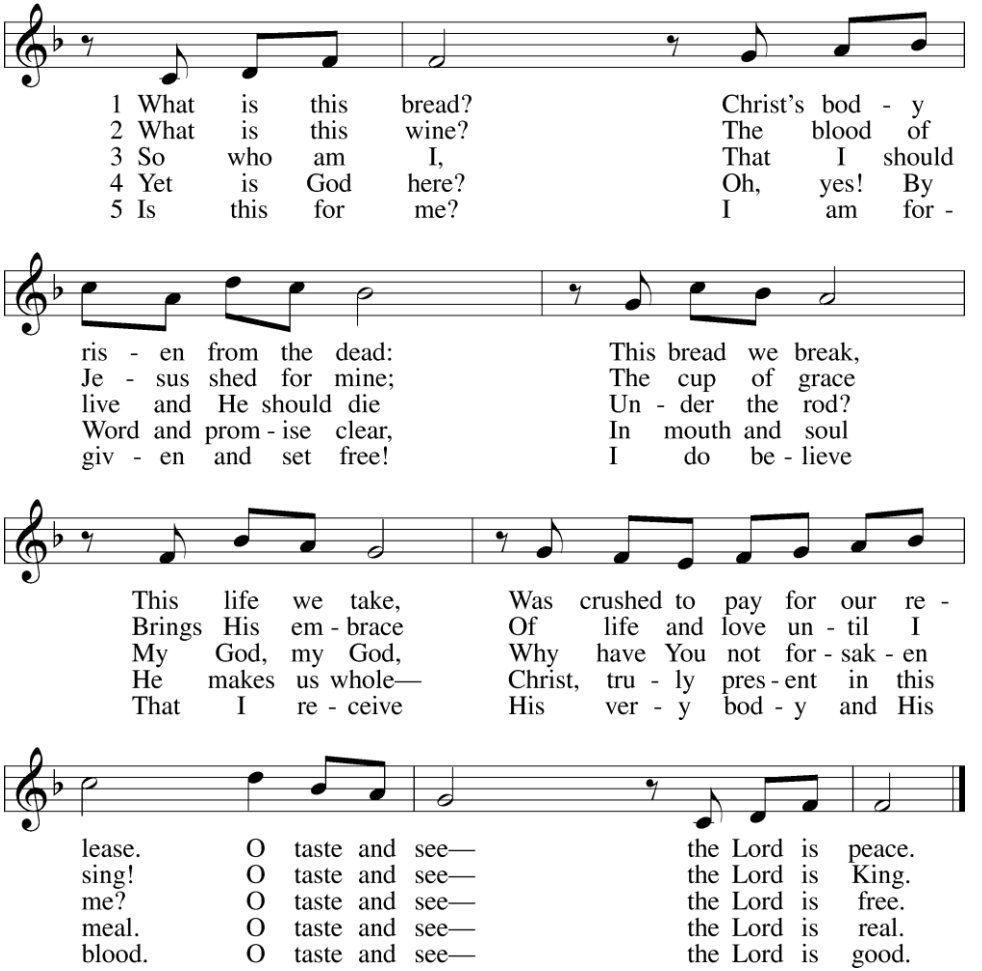
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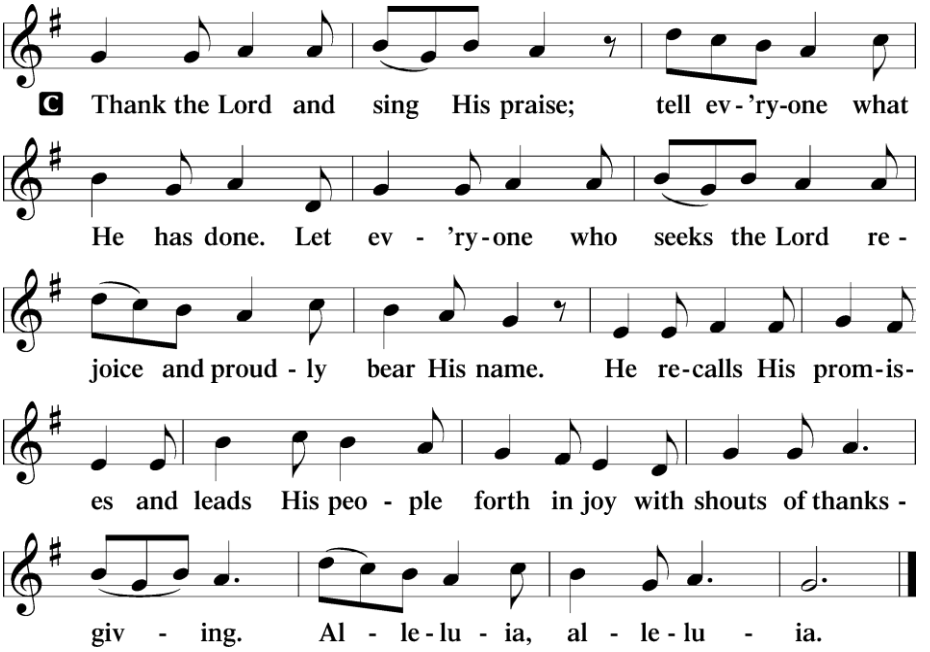
*THANK THE LORD



*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

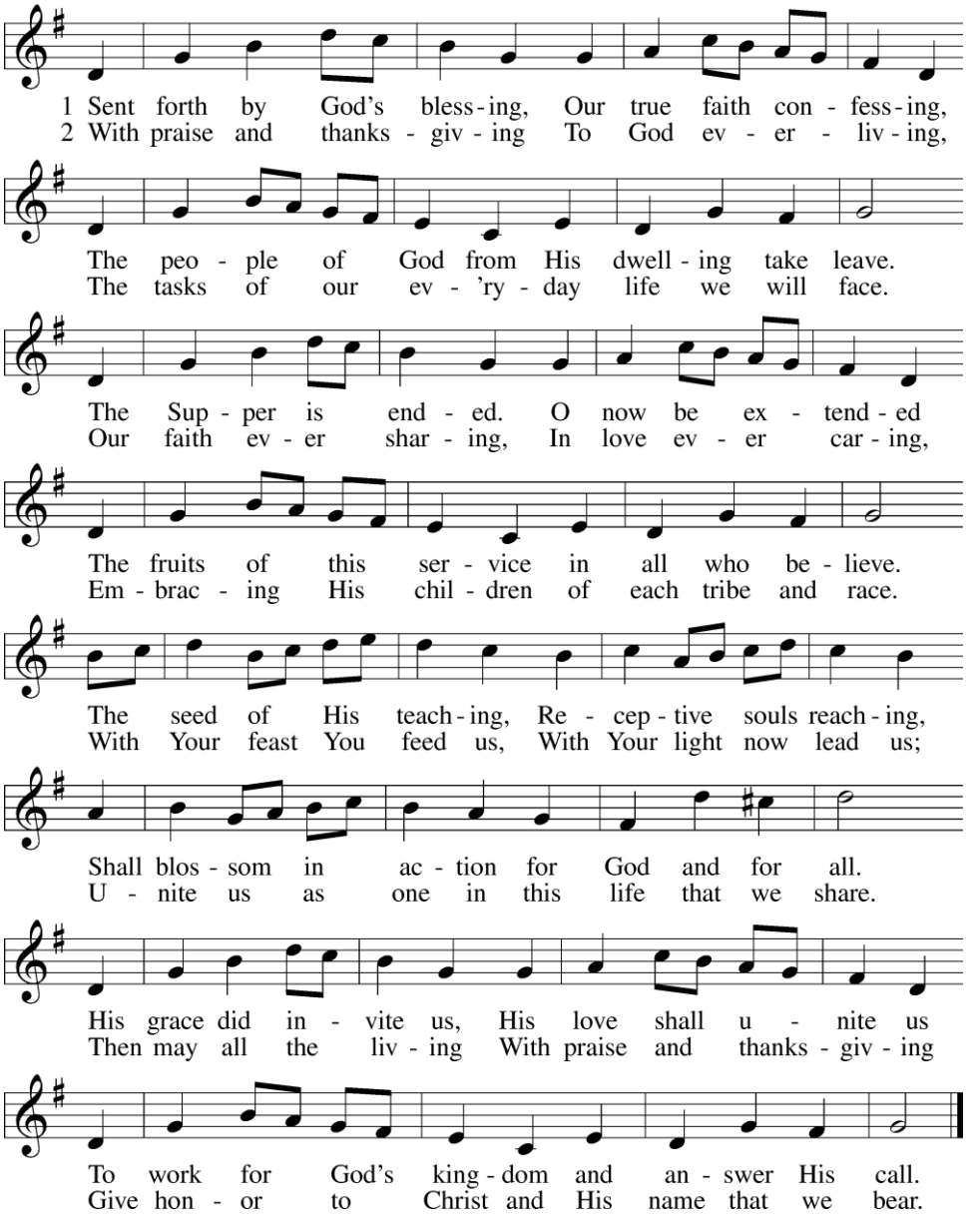
Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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

Cong: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* LSB 643

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE(S):

This is Pastor Groteluesch encouraging you to take part in our new picture directory. Our last pictorial directory was created well over a decade ago. We'd like as many people as possible to sign up so we have a complete directory. One hundred percent participation is the goal!!

We have professional photographers who will be here on Friday, October 2nd (1-7:30pm) and Saturday, October 3rd (10-4:00pm) to take your pictures. There is absolutely NO COST to church members, *unless you would like to order pictures.* The company assures us that they WILL NEVER apply any pressure to anyone to order pictures. Each family/individual will receive a **FREE 8x10 color picture**—no hidden costs—you simply need to schedule an appointment.

We have a table set up in the narthex for you to sign up for a 12-15 minute slot to have your picture taken on the dates given above. Come see us if you haven't yet been scheduled for pictures. We still have several slots open!!

We have some fun events coming up that you won't want to miss:

10/10/26	**10am – 3pm**	**Mary/Martha Craft Day**
10/17/26	**5-8pm**	**Oktoberfest**
10/25/26	**11:30am-noon**	**Mary/Martha Sip & Shop**
10/31/26	**5-7pm**	**Trunk or Treat**

NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: We love having your children in the sanctuary during worship services, but please be sure to give them "quiet toys" to keep them busy as noisy ones can be disruptive to other worshippers. We will soon have dedicated "quiet bags" filled with mess-free activities and coloring/activity books for children to check out at the beginning of the service.

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION: Jesus commanded the Church to make Disciples of all Nations. This can seem like a daunting task! Who am I to make disciples of all nations? However, by giving this command Jesus is also telling us to make disciples right here in Kalamazoo among your friends, neighbors and family. If you have been wanting to be a better evangelist, if you are curious how to share God's Word with people in your life, or if you just want a good breakfast please join us October 24th at 9 am in the Church Fellowship Hall as we learn about *Joining Jesus on his Mission*. This is a book that was written by Greg Finke, and it has several wonderful insights for us in how to share the Gospel in our every day lives. No need to read ahead, just bring yourself and a willing spirit to learn!

Also: Adult Catechism Classes resume October 17th at 9 am., and will be held the third Saturday of every month thereafter, unless otherwise noted. The first session will be the **First Article of the Creed and the Ten Commandments.**

ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Prayers of healing are needed for **Richard Frank**, Gail Stewart's brother-in-law who has been in and out of the hospital several times in the last 2 months with congestive heart failure. Her sister, **Gloria**, could use prayers of support and peace.

GRIEF: **Sharon Smith**, Dotty Smith's sister-in-law, passed away. Thank-you to everyone who prayed for her during her final years.

Alfonso Hernandez Ortiz, grandfather of Hirving Hernandez, passed away recently. Please pray for Hirving and his family members.

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, Dotty Smith, Jerome Dirst, and Linda Swinehart.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum, requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	**Susan & Gregory Fritz,** Stephanie Beck's parents
Jeff Baker, requested by Esther Cleason	**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 sister, Sonya DeVary	**James Leo Brown**, requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall, requested by Sue Steuer	**Jim Sabo**, friend of Susan Steuer
Lynne Partridge, friend of Christa Perri	**Lucille Fritz,** requested by Jonathan Fritz
Bill Brink, Christie Sidwell's brother	**Gus Reck,** grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Joanne Cleason, Esther Cleason's daughter	**Melissa**, friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Judy & Fred Lorenz, brother & sister-in-law of Esther Cleason and **Nancy Barksdale**, Esther's niece.	**Amy Stillwell**, sister of Dave Reynolds and daughter of Mary Reynolds, and Mary's great-grandson, **Dallas**.
Richard Frank, brother-in-law of Gail Stewart, and his wife, Gail's sister, **Gloria**	**Jerry and Sandi McKenzie,** friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam, requested by Brian Long	**Sandy Hale**, requested by Stephen Presdorf
Rita Presdorf, Stephen Presdorf's mother	**Lisa and David Wentzel**, Sue Steuer's cousins
Loren Gerber, Sue Anderson's father	**Marian Brugh and son Brian**
Laura Mattson Hugill, former ILC member	**Charlie Miller,** Marian Brugh's brother
Deb, friend of Sue Steuer	**Jason,** son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Sophie Rose Verile, Brindley's grandniece	**Karen Petersen,** daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Linda & Scott Spurlock, req. by Esther C.	**Justin Nickels,** requested by Justin Beck
Merry Linn, Sally Crawford's sister	**Marilyn Borgeson,** Annie Hecht's grandmother
Otto, Pastor Quardokus' grandson	**Vicki Dilley**, requested by Christa & Phil Perri
Thomas Nault, Sue Wagner's cousin	**Mae Westphal,** Vivian's & Wayne's grandchild
Nicholas Jackson	**Theo Yoakam**, Cheryl Schreiber's great grandson
Melanie Baumgart's friend**, Jim**	**Jeri Noneman**
Kim N., Emilie H., & Sydney B., all friends of Kim Sharp; and **River Lint**	
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, Dotty Smith, Helen Roekle, Gene Jennings, Beth Mitchell, Linda Swinehart, & Brian Long	

CONGREGATION: PLEASE LET AILENE KNOW IF SHE NEEDS TO ADD OR SUBTRACT ANYONE.

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 9/20/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Jan Schaffer—coffee Kelly Quardokus--snacks
Sunday 9/27/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 10/4/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Sue Steuer
Sunday 10/11/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Patti Wills-Coffee Melanie B--snacks
Sunday 10/18/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 10/25/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Patti Wills	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	MaryAlice Reck
Sunday 11/1/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Reynolds

Church Calendar

September's MISSION: Crossroads Bible Institute
October's MISSION: Westwood Free Store

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
20 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service (Iqbal) 11:30 Children's Choir 11:30am Bible Study w/Pastor	**21**	22 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**23** **5pm Confirmation Class**	**24**	**25**	**26**
27 ***(NO Choir Practice)*** 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service 11:30 Children's Choir 11:30am Bible Study w/Pastor	**28**	29 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**30** **5pm Confirmation Class**	**Oct 1** **7:00pm Church Council Mtg**	**2** **1-7:30pm Church Directory Pictures**	**3** **10-4:30pm Church Directory Pictures**
4 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service 11:30 Children's Choir 11:30am Bible Study w/Pastor	**5**	6 **5:30pm Mary/Martha** 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**7** **5pm Confirmation Class**	**8**	**9**	**10** **10-3pm M/M Craft Day**
11 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service 11:30 Children's Choir **11:30am Voters Assembly Meeting**	12	**13** **6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast** 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**14** **5pm Confirmation Class**	**15**	**16**	**17** **9am Adult** **Catechism Class** **5:00pm Social Hour** **6:00pm Dinner**
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"Stamps for Mission" Project—
A Fundraiser for Becky Grossman's Work with
Lutheran Bible Translators

WHAT IS IT?
This is a fundraising initiative where you can donate used postage stamps in an effort to raise funds to support Becky's work with Lutheran Bible Translators. With Christmas cards and letters coming in the next few months, it's a good time to start saving the used stamps.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
When you turn in your used stamps, volunteers will collect, clean, and sell the stamps, with the proceeds going to Lutheran Bible Translators. The most profitable stamps include foreign, rare, old, and commemorative stamps.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Jane has a box in the Narthex marked "Stamps for Becky Grossman—LBT". Please place your used, trimmed stamps in it.
- If you have any questions, feel free to call Jane at **(269) 599-4789** or email her at AJSchley@sbcglobal.net or just see her in church.

If you want to contribute to this ministry here is what we look for:

1. All intact picture postcards. **Do not** cut off the stamps, send the entire postcard.
2. All old (pre-1930) envelopes intact. **Do not** cut off the stamps.
3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps.
5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps), except **DO NOT** save Love, Flag, Bell, OR Christmas stamps. Save unused charity return mail stamps.
6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible, and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.
7. New stamps, as well as used ones, have value, also Post Office metered postage is not valuable.

Note: If at all possible, stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4″ margin around the stamp. Do not trim stamps to touch perforations or the stamps will be discarded."

Also: Do not send stamps marked "nonprofit" and "bulk".

Saturday, October 17, 2026
5:00pm Social Hour
6:00pm Dinner

Immanuel's Fellowship Hall

Join us for German food & beer
and great fellowship!

Check out the poster in the narthex and sign up to attend & **bring some German food with you too**! German beer and wine will be available.
…this is an "Adults Only" party.

Be assured there will be other beverages available for your enjoyment.

KALAMAZOO LOAVES FISHES

We are collecting food for Loaves and Fishes that evening so please bring along canned or boxed items to donate. *Thanks!*

The Mary and Martha Guild will be hosting the annual Sip and Shop soon! Save the Date!

Sunday, October 25, 2026
(after the worship service)

We'll have cider, etc. while we shop!!

The funds raised will be used to take care of our church family; whether it is a meal, a prayer shawl, or items needed in crises.

In Preparation:
Share your talents & donate items so we have lots of things to sell!!!

Can you sew? Can you grow? Can you make? Can you bake? Can you brew? Can you stew? All Talents… WE NEED YOU!!

Below are examples of donated items to consider:

- Hand-made crafts, wooden puzzles/toys
- Ornaments, Christmas stockings, bows
- Home-made baked goods, candies, nuts, jellies, frozen pizzas, soups, stews
- Home-crafted beers and wines
- Flower arrangements
- Oven mitts, Scarves, mittens, and hats

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. Non-communing children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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