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SUNDAY MORNING – COPY FOR AT-HOME/ONLINE



*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

Psalm 122:1



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Worship Notes

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 21, 2025

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today,
and we pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

THEME

Faithful stewards of God's gifts anchor themselves in constant prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving. Meager gifts of the poor ought to be intentionally safeguarded; the position and wealth of kings are to be highly regarded. Yet we know wealth belongs to a fallen world. Obsession with riches threatens our loyalty to God. Christ surpasses the value of all material possessions. He is our lasting treasure, who paid the greatest price – ransoming our lives at the cost of His own.

ORDER

This weekend we follow *Setting One* of the Divine Service. This service, with musical settings by Dr. Richard Hillert, was introduced to the LCMS in *Lutheran Worship* in 1982.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our *Hymn of the Day* today, ***Lord, Work in Me a Cheerful Heart***, comes to us from our newest hymnal, *One and All Rejoice* (OAR). It was written by Lisa Clark (b. 1982) in 2020, and is a hymn about stewardship.

The hymn is a prayerful expression of a desire to cultivate a positive, joyful inner state that aligns with biblical principles, particularly found in Proverbs 17:22 ("A cheerful heart is good medicine") and 2 Corinthians 9:7 ("God loves a cheerful giver"). It calls for a proactive choice to embrace joy and gratitude, recognizing that a cheerful disposition has physical and spiritual benefits and allows one to reflect God's light to others.

The familiar tune, ST PETER, was written by English composer Alexander R. Reinagle, and is also paired with the hymn, *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*.

What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)⁴ or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

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Divine Service, Setting One

Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship

Hymn - Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

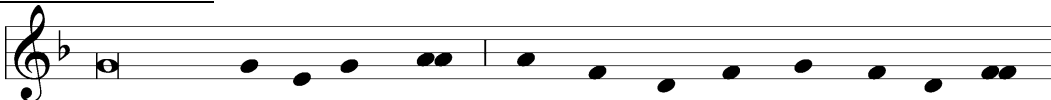
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Woe to those who trample the needy.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 113



¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the name | of the LORD!

²Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

⁴The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!

⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,*
who is seated | on high,

⁶who looks | far down*
on the heavens | and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.

⁹He gives the barren wom- | an a home,*
making her the joyous mother of children. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit.
As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-15

God wants all to be saved.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-15

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

“You cannot serve God and money.”

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’

He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

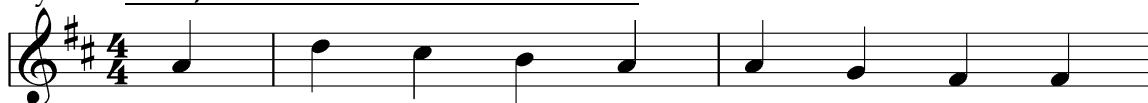


C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn - Lord, Work in Me a Cheerful Heart

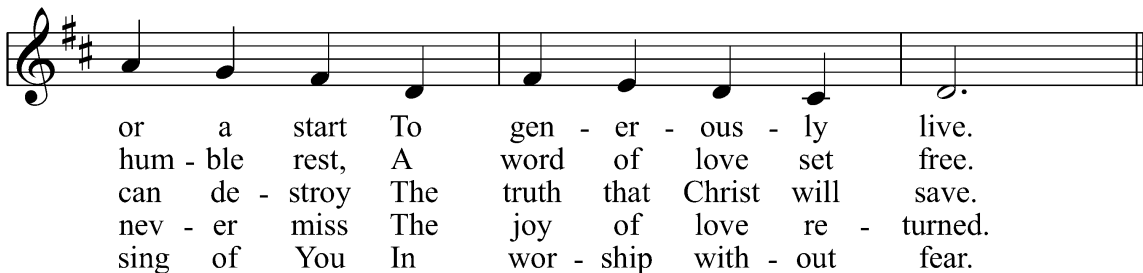
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1 Lord,	work	in	me	a	cheer - ful	heart	That
2 Lord,	help	me	give	the	ver - y	best,	What -
3 Lord,	stir	in	me	a	life	of	joy
4 Lord,	keep	me	mind - ful	of	the	bliss	You
5 Lord,	breathe	in	me	a	spir - it	true	With



loves to	free - ly	give.	There	is	no	end - ing
ev - er	that	may	A	qui - et	mo - ment,	
sees the	emp - ty	grave	And	knows	that	noth - ing
give to	me	un - earned	And	let	my	ac - tions
grat - i - tude	sin - cere		That	I	may	dai - ly



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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

Prayer of the Church

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

After each petition:

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

L O Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and desire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

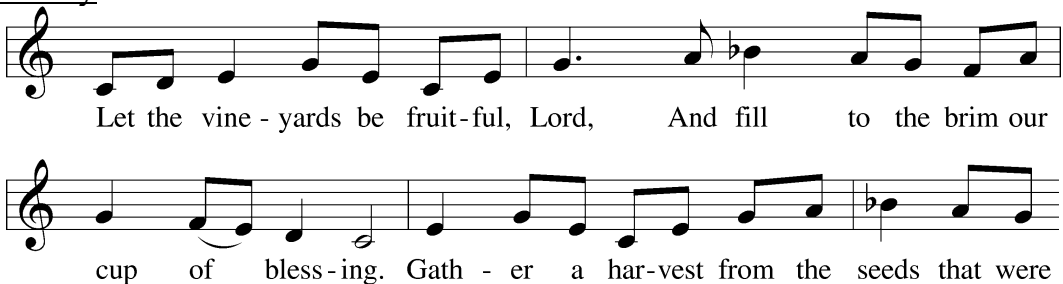
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We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

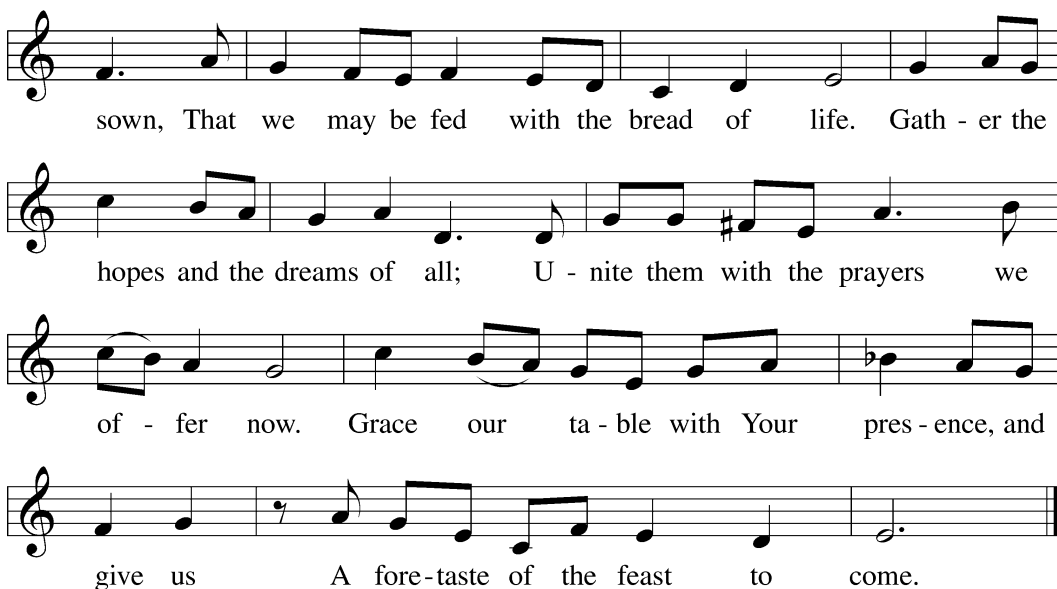
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Offertory

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

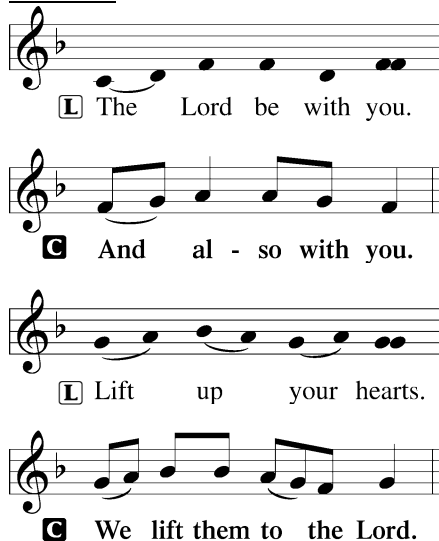


sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

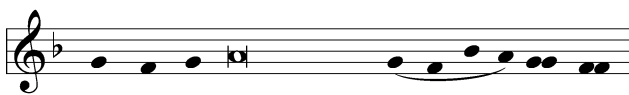
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Preface

LSB 160



L The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.



L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Confession

- P** The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
- C** **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.**
I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.
I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life.
(Augsburg Confession – Article X)
I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others. (Romans 12:1)

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."

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."

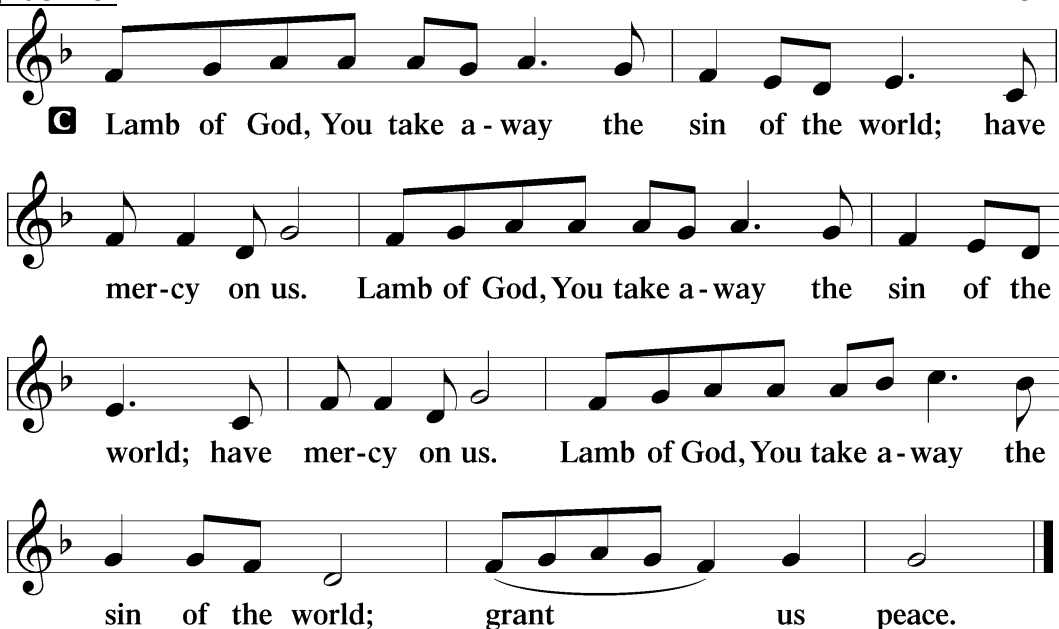
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

LSB 163



Sit

Reception of the Lord's Supper



Hymn - What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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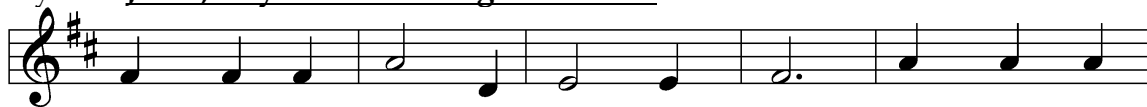
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Hymn - Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

**5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.**

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

L Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

Benediction

L The Lord bless you/us and keep you/us. The Lord make His face shine on you/us and be gracious to you/us. The Lord look upon you/us with favor and ✠ give you/us peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Hymn - One in Christ and One in Spirit

OAR 314



3 One in Christ, now and for - ev - er, With one voice, we
glad - ly sing. Nei - ther life nor death can sev - er
Chris - tians from their lov - ing King. As we learn of His sal -
va - tion, May we tell of Je - sus' grace To each
fu - ture gen - er - a - tion At all times, in ev - 'ry place.

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Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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All Immanuel members and our guests are asked to complete one of the worship attendance cards found in the pew racks. Please give your card to an usher as you leave worship. Guests are also asked to sign the guest book in the outer narthex. Thank you!

You may prepare for next weekend by reading:

Psalm 96

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.

Romans 10:11-17

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all.

Luke 24:44-53

The Great Commission

Hymn – I Love to Tell the Story (AGPS 128)

*Say among
the nations,*



Psalm 96:10

Next Sunday:

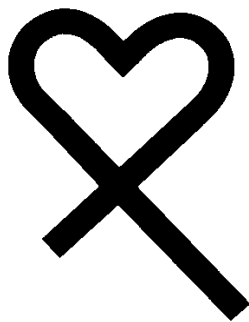


Join us for a joint worship service Sunday morning at 9:30 in the school gymnasium. Our guest preacher will be Reverend Bill Wilson.

A special combined choir will be singing for the service. Practice this morning right after 8:00 worship and next Sunday at 9:00 prior to the service!

Lunch will follow worship, with the entrée and drinks provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share!

At Immanuel Lutheran Church, we
are committed to living out our mission:



“Connected in Jesus | Compassion for All”

Serving This Morning:

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Rory Karg

Liturgist & Lector:

8:00 – Seminarian Andrew Cole

Preacher:

Vicar Justin Hilton

Organist:

Paul Snyder

Acolytes:

8:00 – Ryan Hundelt & Jack Mohrmann

10:30 – Anneliese Seddon & Elaine Zhang

Elders:

8:00 – Todd Mirly 10:30 – Drew Hackmann

Usher:

Team C – Andy Kruse & Gregg Knehans, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God with thanksgiving in celebration of Ethan Murray's 12th birthday!

The special side bouquet is given with praise, glory, and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings in joyful celebration of Joan Ritze's 95th birthday!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!