Immanuel Lutheran Church

LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION

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WEEKEND WORSHIP COPY FOR AT-HOME USE



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 19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 18-19, 2025

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

THEME

Before God, men, women, and children plead incessantly for justice in the face of rebellion and adversity. Those who know and confess Jesus bear the weight of guilt and need His Word of undeserved acquittal. God's Word is the solitary source of that promise. It teaches, corrects, declares righteousness, and equips us for every good work. Scripture, in its entirety, is that living, breathing, vibrant account of God continually striving by the side of His chosen people — delivering them from sin.

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This morning we follow *Setting Four* of the Divine Service. This is our newest setting, a hymn-based liturgy, taken from the model by Dr. Martin Luther in his German Mass.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend, *Day by Day*, was written in 1865 by Carolina (Lina) Sandell-Berg (1832-1903). Sandell-Berg was a prolific Swedish hymn writer, having written over 650 hymns, with her two best known hymns being this one, and *Children of the Heavenly Father*. This hymn was written as a hymn of comfort after the tragic drowning death of her father, a Lutheran pastor with whom she was very close. The hymn is in the "trust" section of *One and All Rejoice*. It speaks of the Lord's daily mercies, His comfort, and blessings. Even when burdens seem too heavy to bear, she expresses the joy in knowing He is always with us, and that He will one day call us home to Him. The translation we use is by Robert Leaf (1936-2005).

The tune, BLOTT EN DAG (*meaning just one day*), was composed by Oskar Ahnfelt, a Scandinavian composer who wrote the tunes for many of her hymns.

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

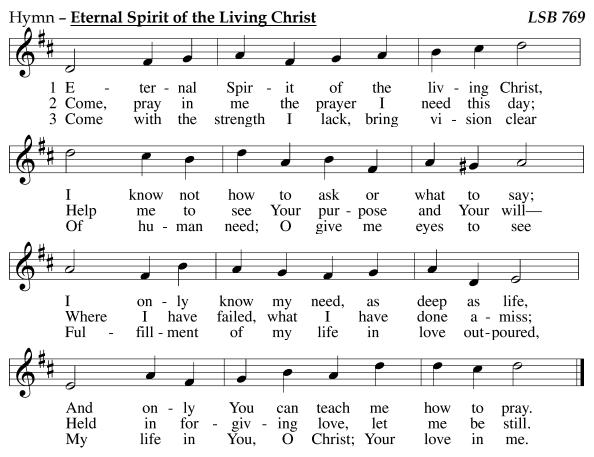
⁴¹Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Four

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

(10:30) Anthem - I Can Stamp (Little Ones Sing Praise)



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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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **Q** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy. Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **L** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

Jacob is named Israel

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

<u>Psalmody</u> Psalm 121

- **L** ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- **C** From where does my help come?
- **L** ²My help comes from the LORD,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **■** ³He will not let your foot be moved;
- **C** he who keeps you will not slumber.
- **L** ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
- **C** will neither slumber nor sleep.
- **L** 5The LORD is your keeper;
- **C** the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

- •The sun shall not strike you by day,
- on or the moon by night.
- **■** 7The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- C he will keep your life.
- L 8The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
- **C** from this time forth and forevermore.
- 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.

<u>Epistle</u> 2 *Timothy* 3:14—4:5

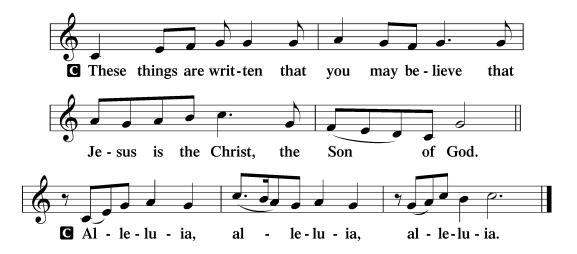
"Continue in what you have learned ... preach the word."

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand





Holy Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

"Will not God give justice to His elect?"

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

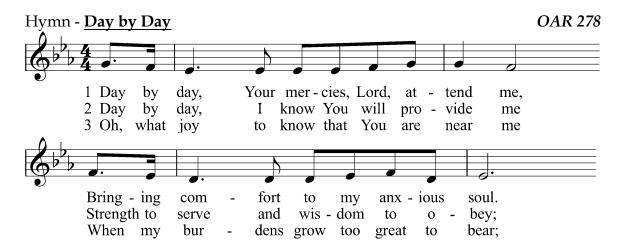
Nicene Creed

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.

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

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

After each petition:

- **L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

- L Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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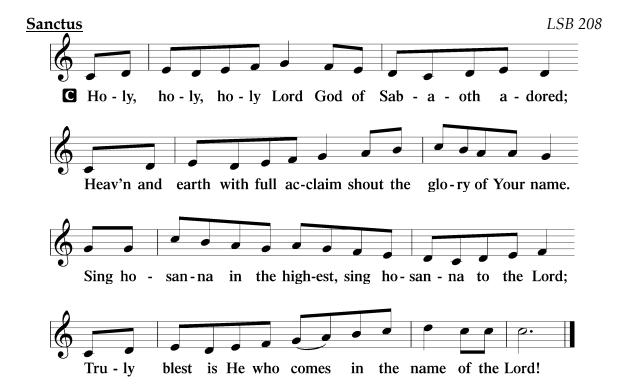
We Worship the Lord with our Offerings

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Preface

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

- 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:
- 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)

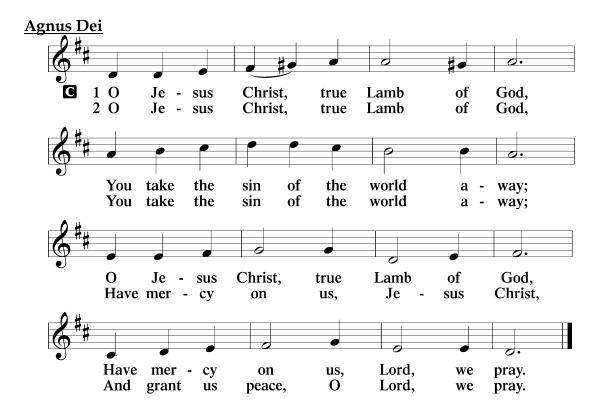
The Words of Our Lord

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 ⅓ 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."

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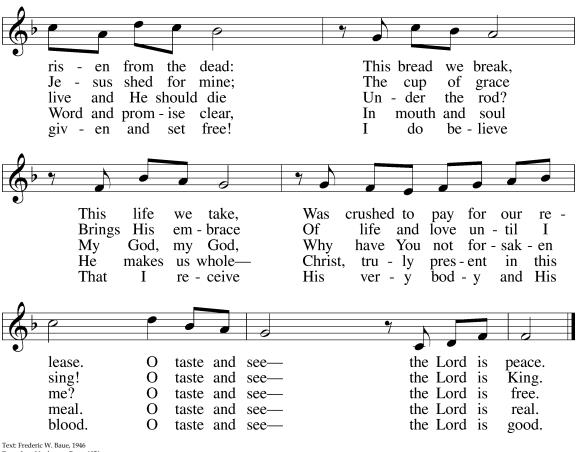
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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Reception of the Lord's Supper





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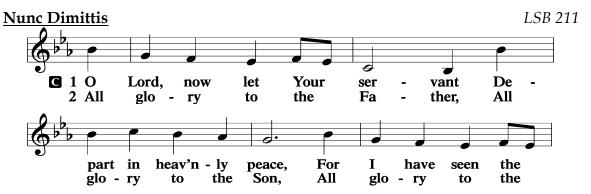


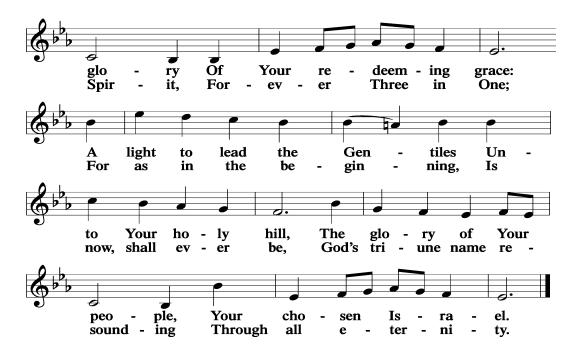


All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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Post-Communion Collect

- **L** 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. Amen.

Benediction

- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- **L** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and

 → give us peace.
- C Amen.

Sit



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Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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

Serving This Weekend:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Pastor Rory Karg

Liturgist: Saturday – Seminarian Abram Egger Sunday – Vicar Justin Hilton Lector: 5:00 – Seminarian Abram Egger

8:00 - Seminarian Andrew Cole 10:30 - Seminarian James VanOrman

Pianist/Organist: Saturday – Lori Steingraber Sunday – Paul Snyder

Acolytes: 5:00 – Riley Salmon

8:00 - Connor Hart & Ethan Murray

10:30 - Keira Casey & Anna Szilagyi

Elders: 5:00 – Todd Mirly 8:00 – Drew Hackmann 10:30 – Pete Seddon Ushers: Team A – Jeff Carter & Jerry Watkins, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God in loving memory of Leon Mittler, and in remembrance of Leon & Carol Mittler's 60th wedding anniversary!

Also with praise and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings in celebration of Rob & Cyndi Ludwinski's 30th wedding anniversary!

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

Join us next weekend as we observe the Reformation in our weekend worship.

Also, join the high school youth for Reformation Dinner in the school gym Sunday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm!

