



Sermon: "Imperative for Christian Living" Hebrews 13:1-17

Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Okawville, Illinois 62271

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.

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Saturday: 21 Sunday: 128 Bible Class: not held

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!

- All members of Immanuel including:
 - At home – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Linda Frederking, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Jewel Martens, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
 - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
 - At Breese Nursing Home – Lois Rabenort
 - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship.
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
 - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
 - ...rural and smalltown congregational support
 - ...urban ministry (neighborhood renewal and Unity school) in East St. Louis
 - ...campus ministry and international student outreach at SIU-C and SIU-E
 - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
 - ...partnership with Seminary in Dominican Republic
 - ...disaster response ministry (LERT)
 - ...Advocates for Life

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service – Divine Service Setting Three

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (Sunday)

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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

C Amen.

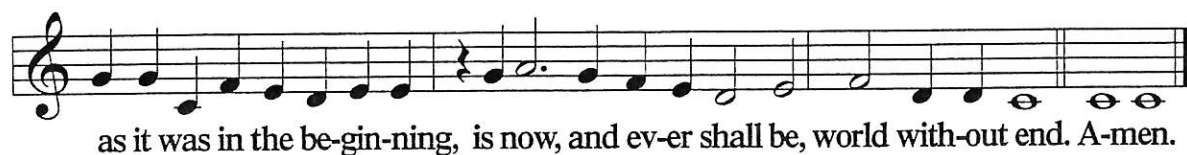
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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

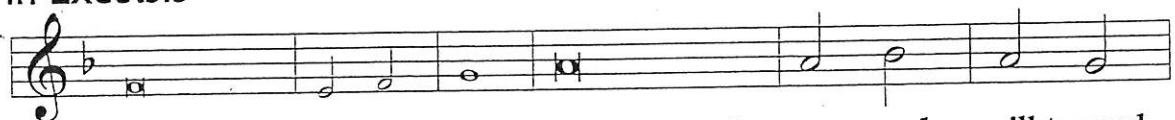
It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.*
We recount your | wondrous deeds.
At the set time that | I appoint*
I will judge with | equity.
For not from the east or | from the west*
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.
But I will declare it for- | ever;*
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.
It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.



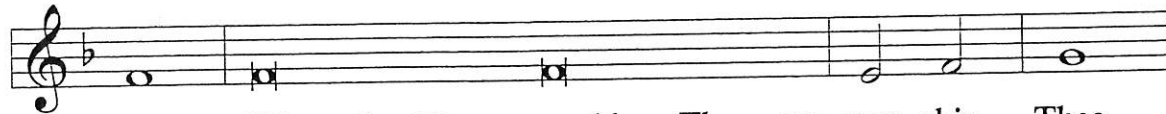
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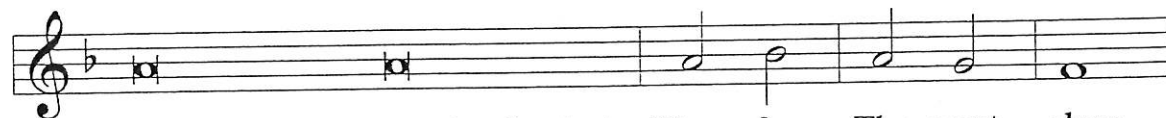
Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



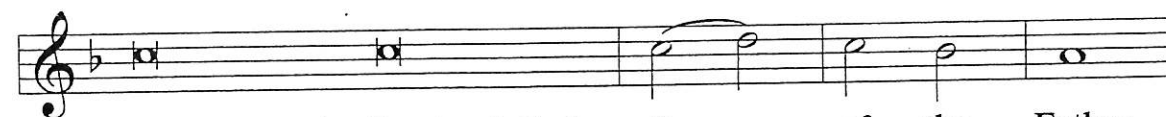
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



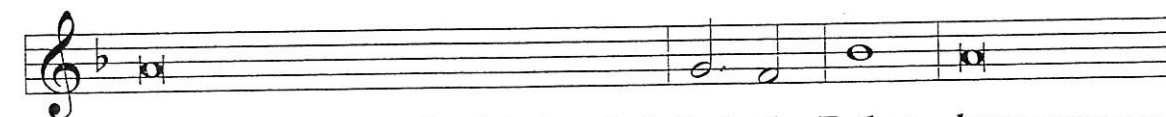
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



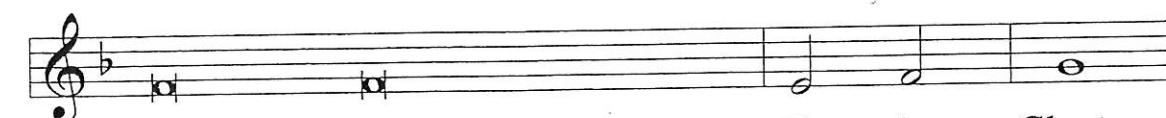
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



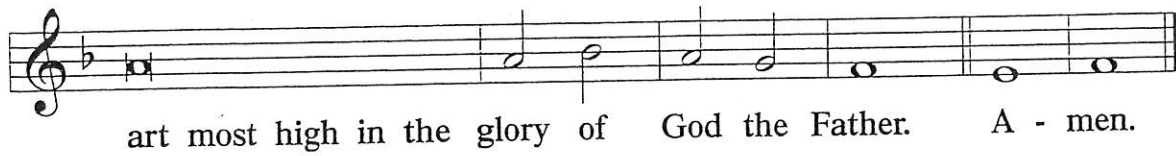
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2-10

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
- ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷for 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
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep 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." ⁶So we can confidently say,

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

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For 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. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let

us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

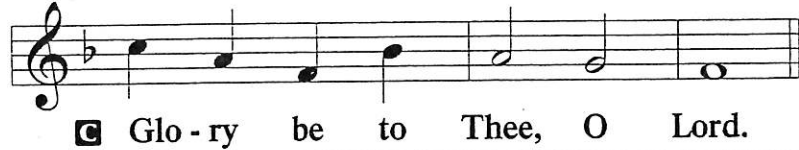
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-14

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



¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And 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?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"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, ⁹and 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He 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. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

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

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

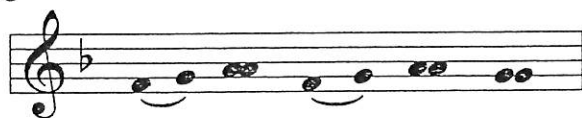
Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



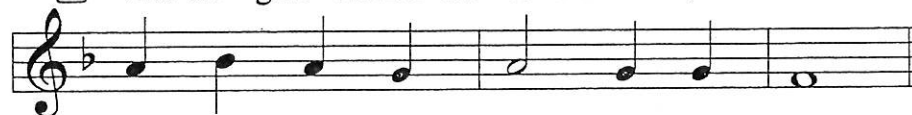
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



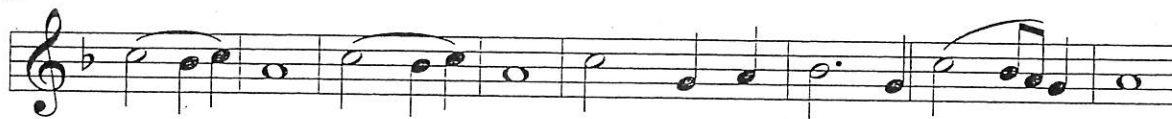
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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;

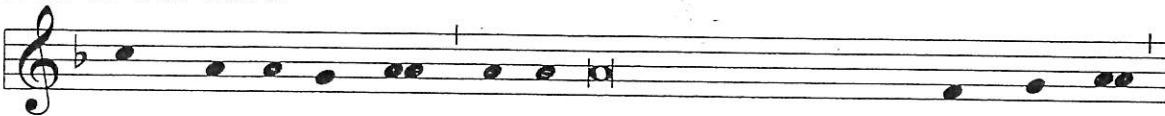
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

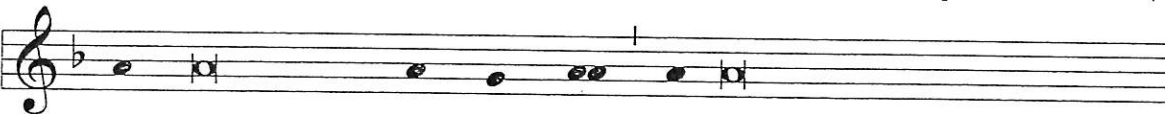
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

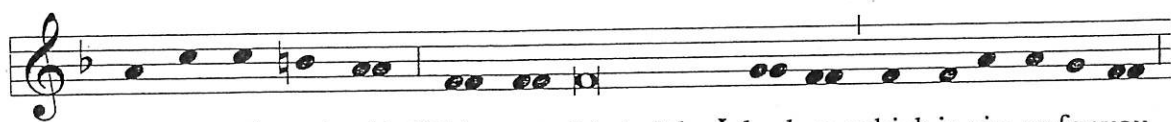
The Words of Our Lord



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



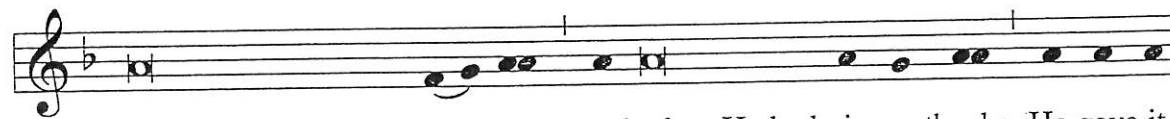
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



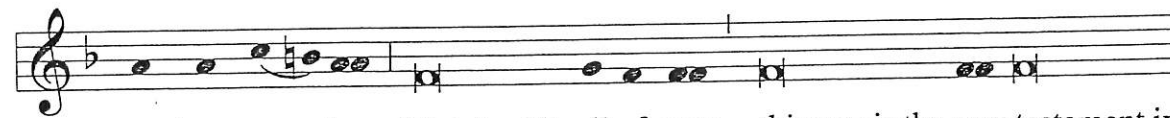
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



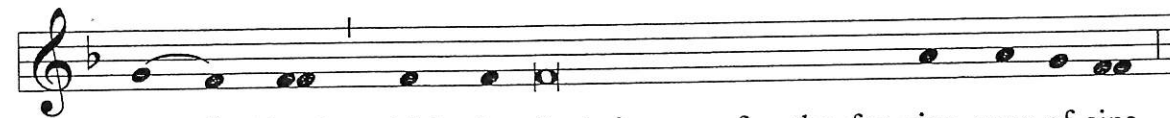
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

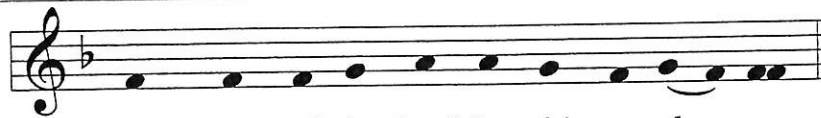


My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

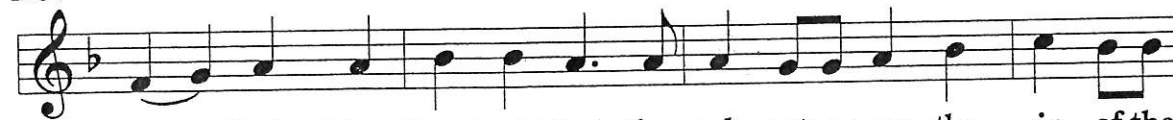


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

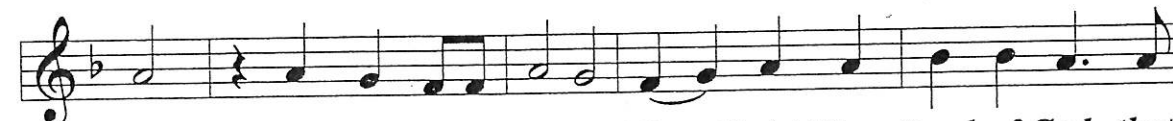


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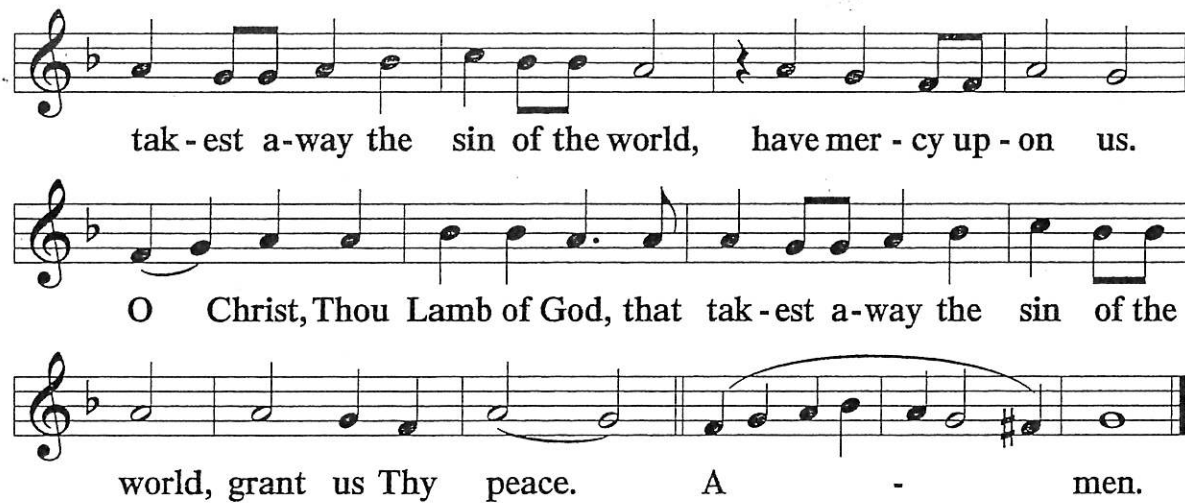
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

818 In Thee Is Gladness

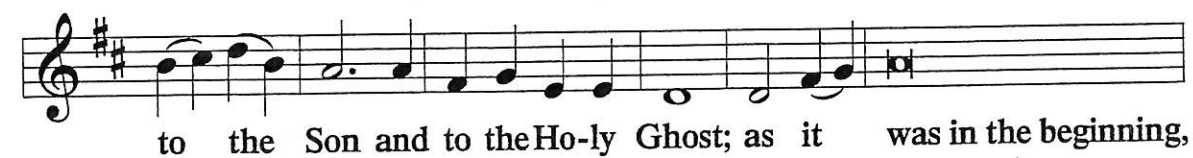
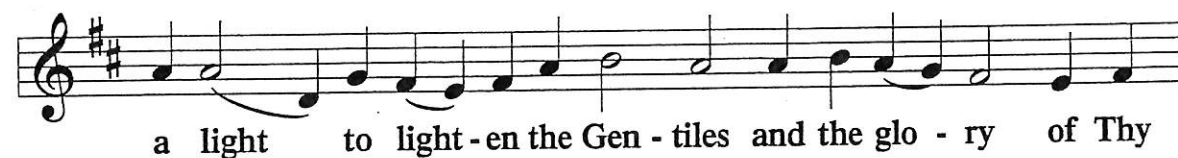
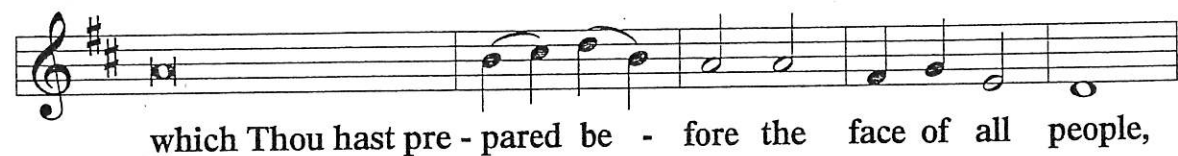
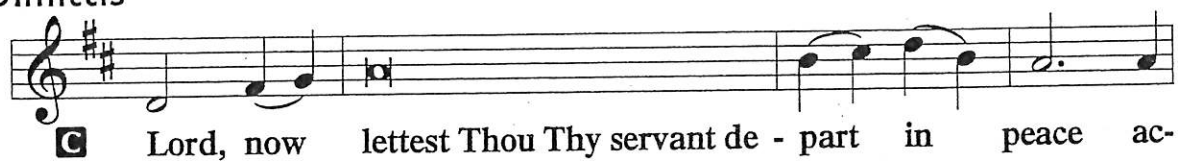
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

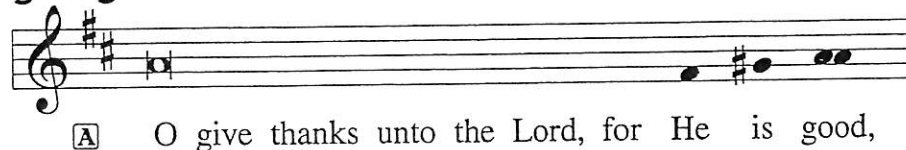
C Amen.

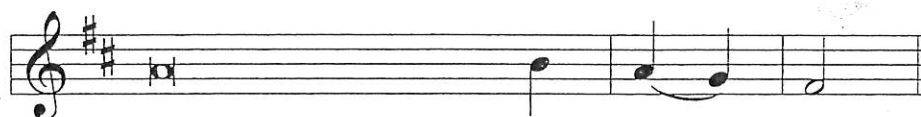
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Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving





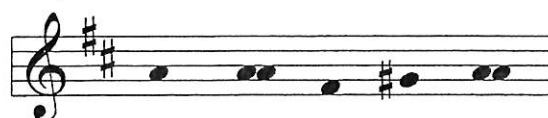
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A 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.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

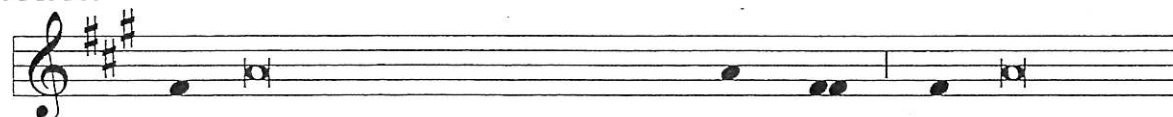


A Bless we the Lord.

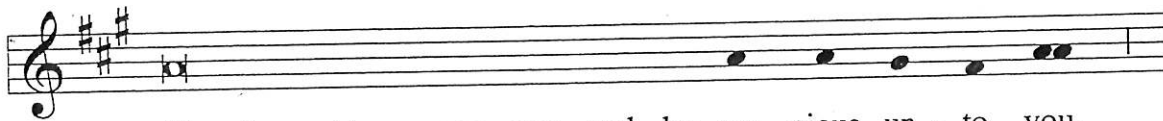


C Thanks be to God.

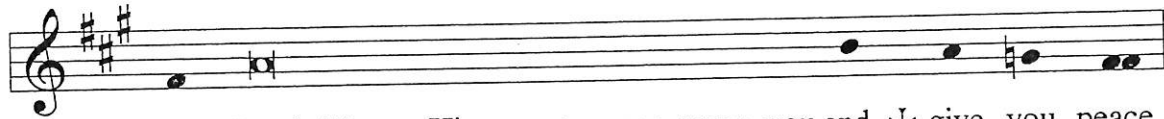
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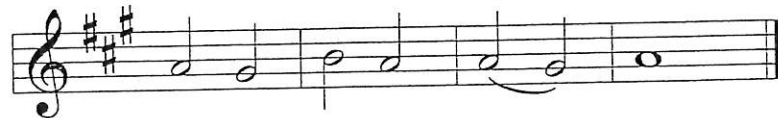
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

696 O God, My Faithful God (Sunday)

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday – Garrett Guest and Larry Kuhlengel

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

Beginner Catechesis is this Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Public Catechesis is this Tuesday at 6:45 a.m.

Chapel at 12:15 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor Wood

Beginning next Sunday, Bible Class will start at 9:00 a.m.

and

worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins on September, 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Extra copies of the September newsletter are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one of these items for yourself or someone else.

Powerlift-recline chair: If anyone is in need of an electric recliner, please call Pat Quinlan at 618-795-2297 for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no school Monday, September 1st.

Wee Care Wheat Festival Float

Thank you to all the volunteers that have committed to help out with the float this year. We have a list of some items needed to complete the float. We are looking for metal hangers, batter powered Christmas lights (clear only), garland strands of glittery colors (not greenery), and monetary donations to purchase bags of candy to hand out during the parade. Please bring all donated items to Immanuel Lutheran School. Thank you.

2024-2025 Yearbooks

There are a few yearbooks left from this past school year available. If anyone is interested, they are \$35.00 each and can be picked up in the school office.

Immanuel Lutheran PTL Kabob Stand

Our Kabob Stand at the Wheat Festival is one of Immanuel's biggest fundraisers of the year—but we can't make it happen without YOU. There are still several open shifts that need to be filled. Please consider signing up to work a shift. Even one shift makes a huge difference for our kids and our school! Can't make it to volunteer? You can still support in BIG ways. Donate through Venmo to help cover costs like charcoal, meat, and supplies or send an item straight to the school from our Amazon wish list. Together, we can make this year's kabob stand a success! Thank you for helping us make it happen. Contact an ILS parent or teacher with any questions.

Scan to sign up



Scan to donate by venmo



Scan for the Amazon wish list



COMMUNITY NOTES

HYMN FESTIVAL AT HOPE LUTHERAN, HIGHLAND SEPT. 7: The Lutheran Church has always been known as "The Singing Church!" Come continue the Lutheran tradition of singing great hymns at a Hymn Festival to be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Highland, IL on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Hymn Festival will focus on "Hymns of the Church: Militant and Triumphant." We will join together to sing "Lift High the Cross," "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "A Mighty Fortress Is our God," "Built on the Rock," "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise," "The Church's One Foundation," and "Jerusalem the Golden." The instrumentalists for the Hymn Festival will include Johnathan Clayton (organ and piano) and Mike Trinklein (piano and cello). The hymn narrations will be provided by Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. Those who have gone before us have raised their voices boldly in song, "we follow in their train."

Worship Anew is a service organization of the LCMS that broadcasts worship services especially for the homebound. They invite school and church choirs to record music and earlier this year the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir traveled to Ft. Wayne to record hymns and anthems for some of their future broadcasts. This month the CORLHS choir will be included on Sunday, August 17 and 31. *Worship Anew* is available Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on cable TV. You may also find more information on worshipanew.org

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: God in His glory disguises the sanctity of life so that we may know the joy of finding it (Proverbs 25:2). Great delight awaits those who search beyond appearances, behind ages, beneath abilities to receive every neighbor as a blessing. May we with both lips and fingers reach into sin's hiding places to pull sons and daughters out (Luke 14:5).

Life Quotes: "God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed." *Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

Stewardship: Luke 14:11 – "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). That's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, August 16, Sunday, August 17, Saturday, August 23, and Sunday, August 24 were as follows: Current \$1110.00, Home Use \$5305.00, Loose \$479.00.

Expenses for the week: \$45,072.90

Loan Balance: \$20,000.00 (Borrowed 05/28/25), \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 06/30/25), and \$10,000.00 (Borrowed on 07/14/25)

Reminder: Bunker's Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. Thank you for your support!! RBM Golf Course