Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service August 2nd, 2026

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).

Assisted Listening: The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

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Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting #10
August 2nd, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE
BELLS
SHARING TIME
PASSING THE PEACE
CANDLE LIGHTING (While We Sing the Transition Song)

Transition Song: "God Is Here!" ELW #526

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share;
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Compassionate God,

C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, God has forgiven your sins. Rest in God's love.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ELW 800 Red Hymnal**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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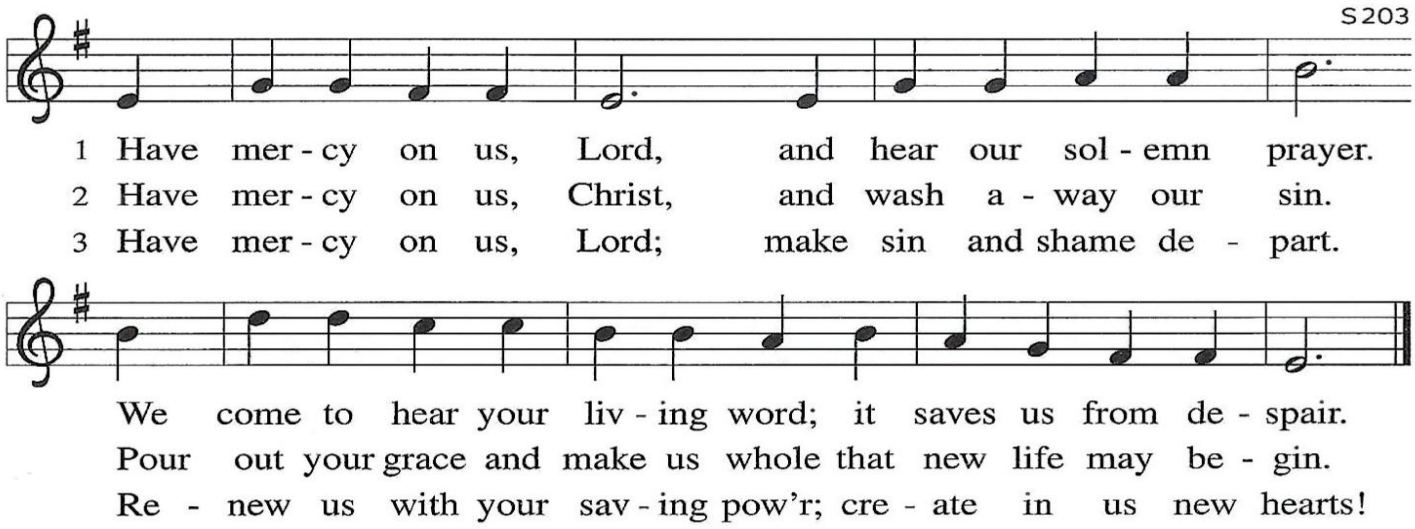

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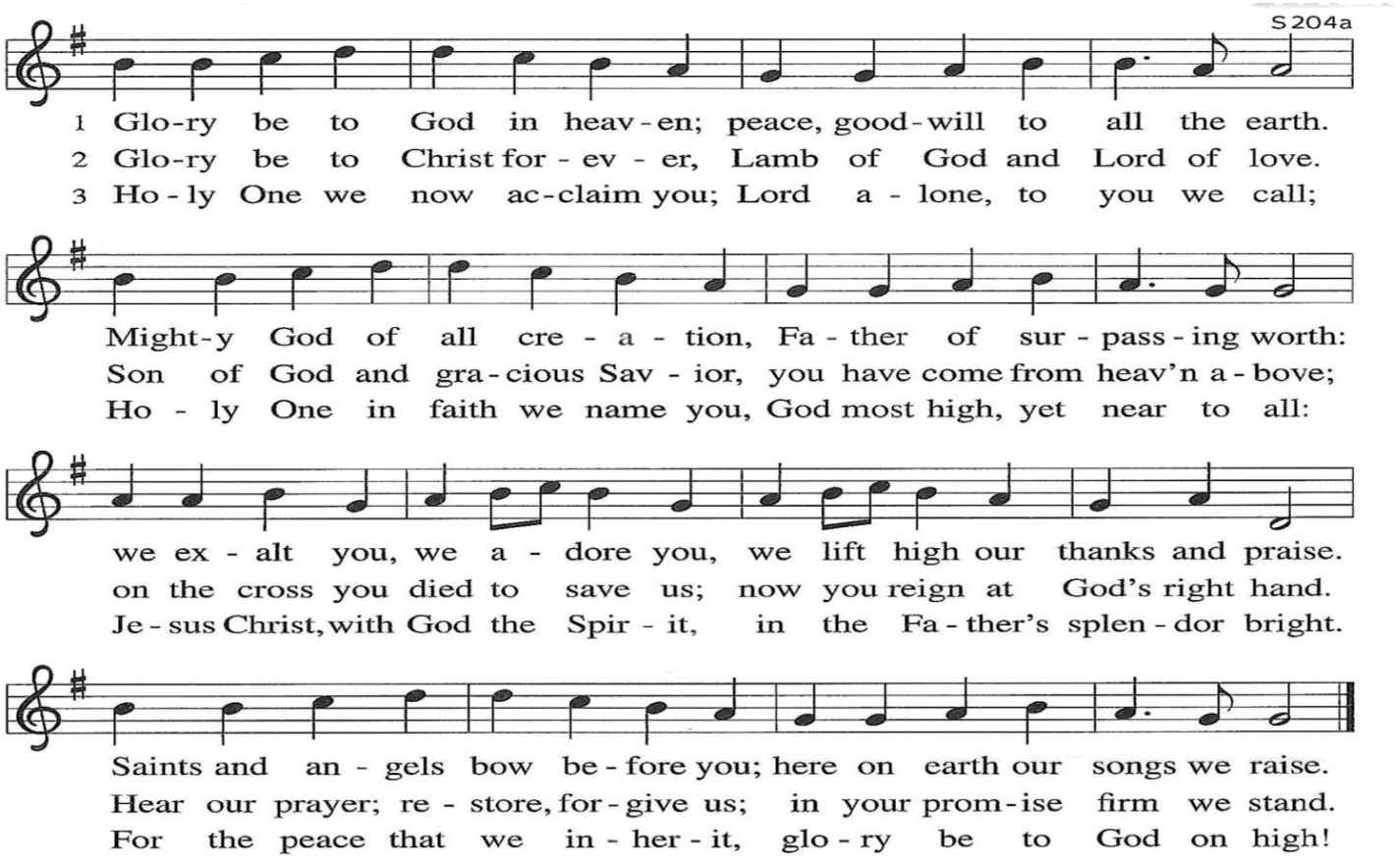


PRAYER OF THE DAY

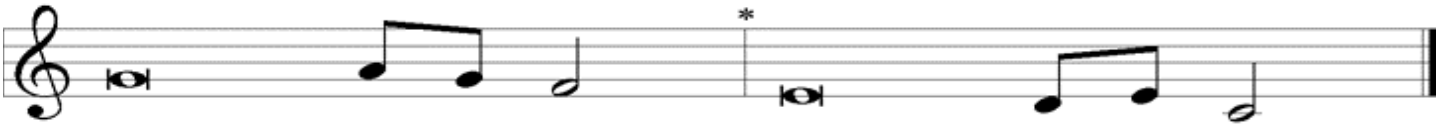
P: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

1 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy
and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend
your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline
your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a
leader and commander for the peoples. 5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy
One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (We sing the Psalm)

8 The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
9 LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.
14 The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.
16 You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
17 You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.
18 You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
19 You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.
20 You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy
Spirit—2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I
myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters,
my own flesh and blood. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory,
the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; 5 to them belong the
patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God
blessed forever. Amen.

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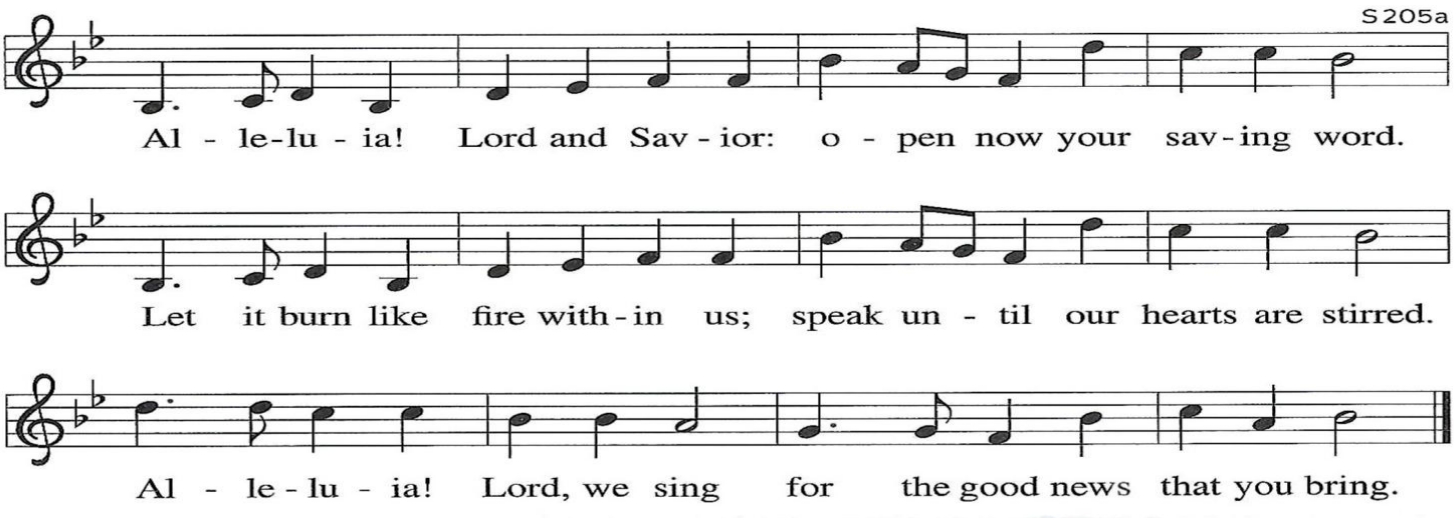
C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 6.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-44

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and
taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have
a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some
rest." 32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw
them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of
them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because
they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,”
they said, “and it’s already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the
surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he
answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than
half a year’s wages[a]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to
eat?” 38 “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they
said, “Five—and two fish.” 39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in
groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 Taking
the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the
loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the
two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up
twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had
eaten was five thousand.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Lay Minister Linda Obermier, Video by:
Dr. Steve Eason, a retired Presbyterian pastor.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479 Red Hymnal

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

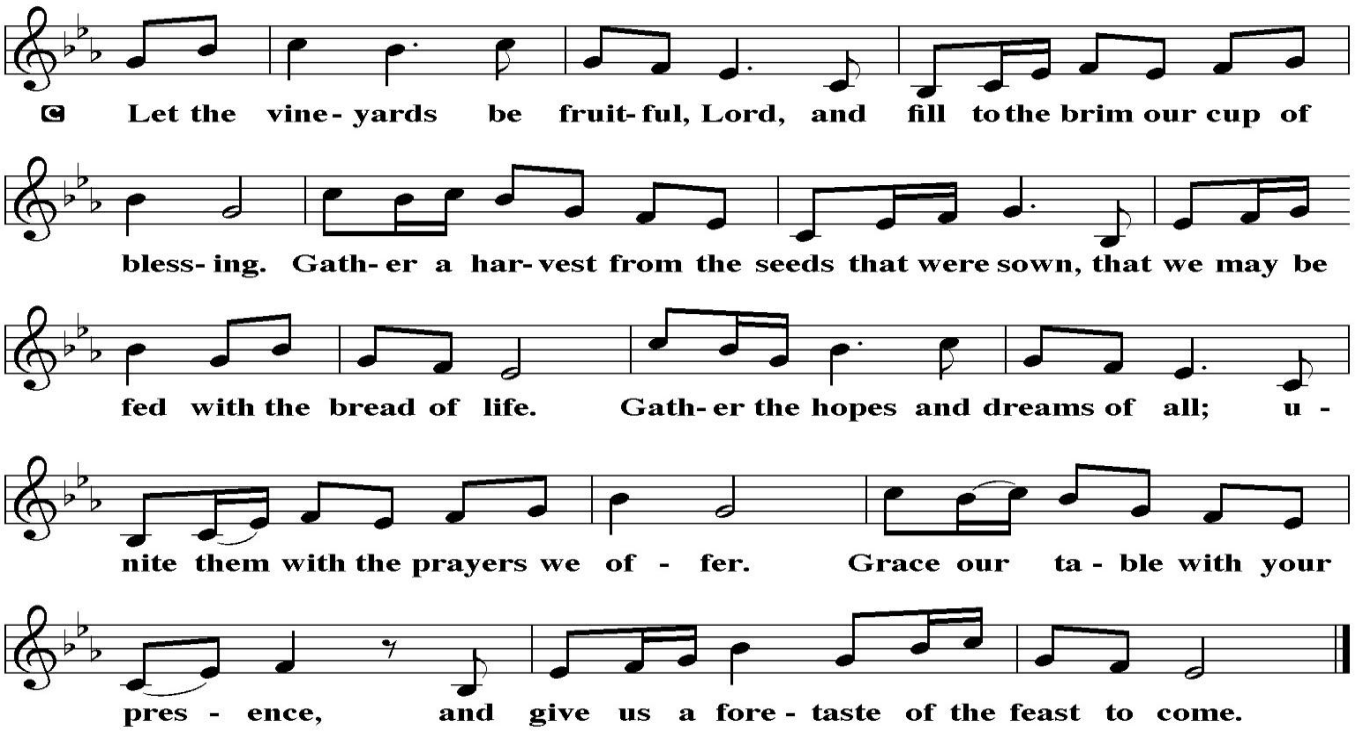
C: APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response following each petition:
A: Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS
****LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL****

A: Let us pray.
Loving God,
C: We offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

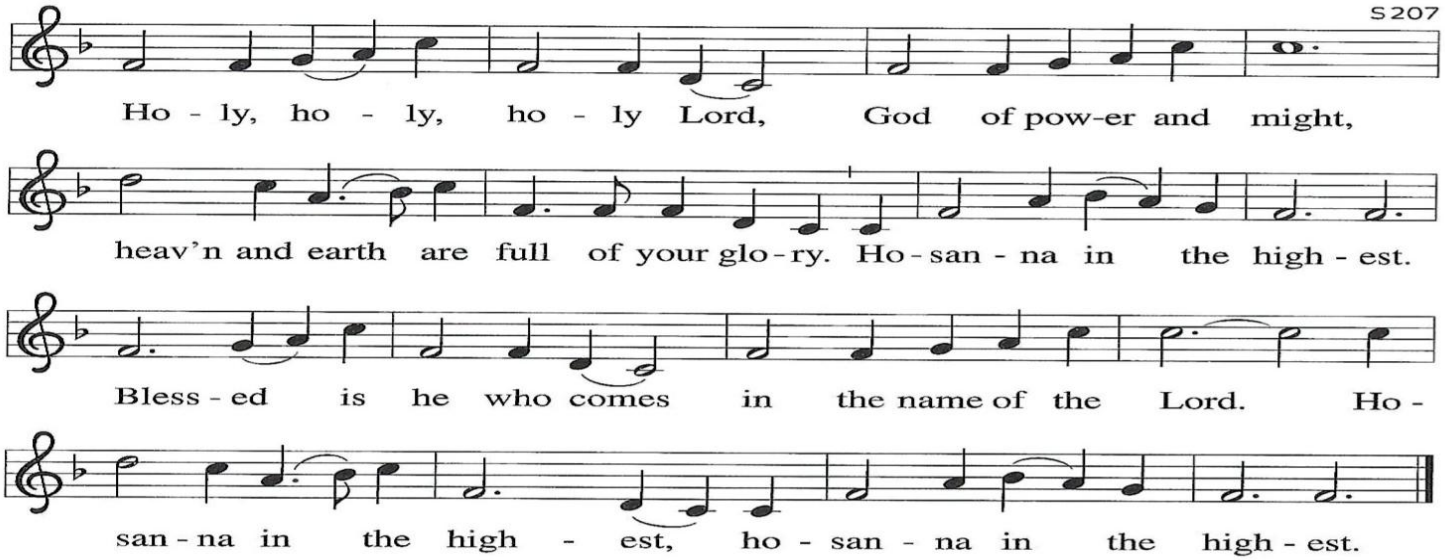
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through 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. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

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COMMUNION

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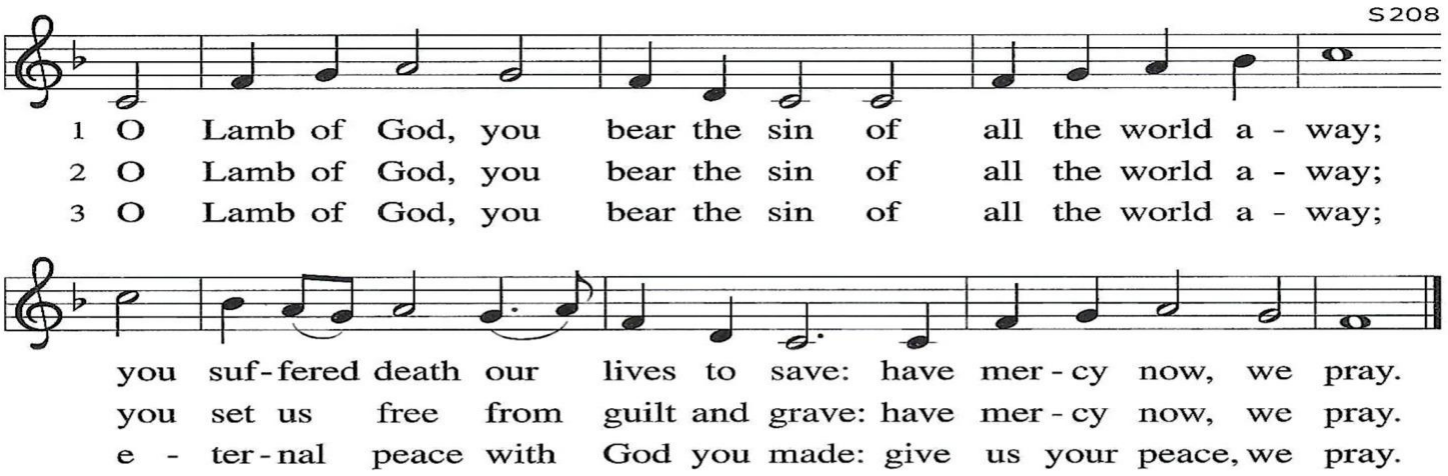

COMMUNION HYMN: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW 484 Red Hymnal

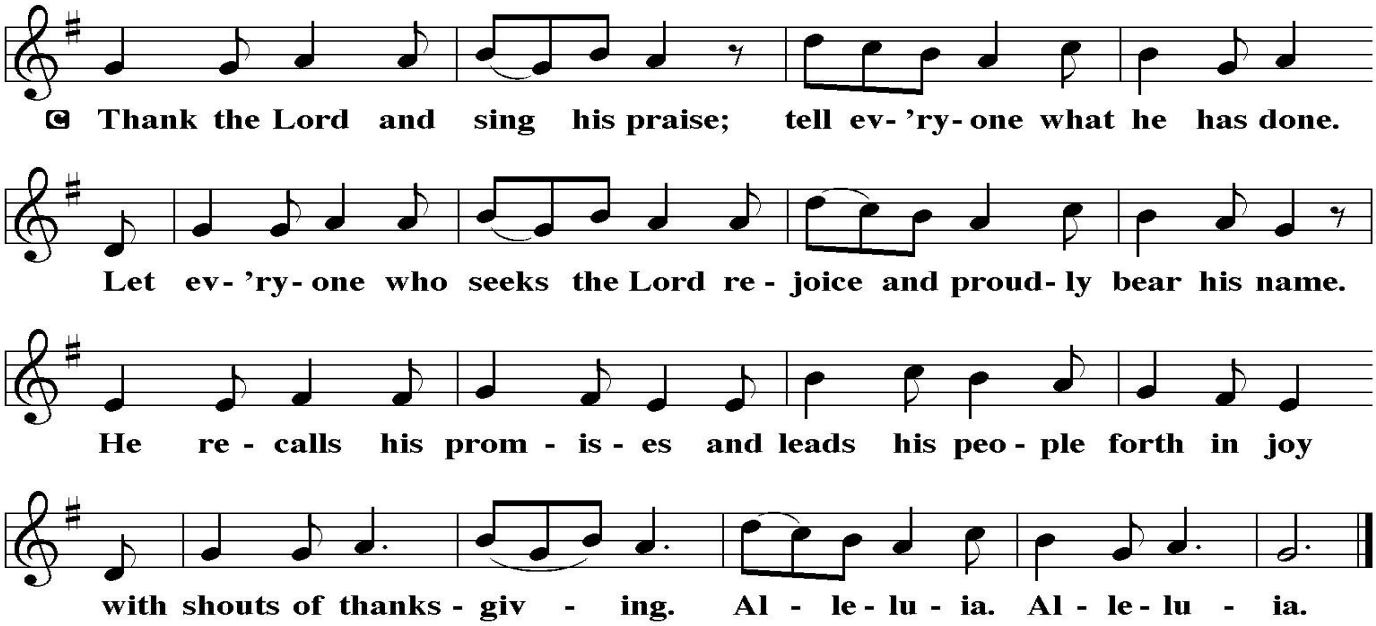
**(Pease stand if you are able)*

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise"



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless you, heal you, and holds you today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674 Red Hymnal

PRAYER

A: Let us pray together Immanuel's Congregational prayer.
C: Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your Holy Spirit to bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community.
Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to Immanuel, and by supporting and serving those who are struggling. Give us strength: To trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for your church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.

~Stewardship Committee

Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3rd Sunday of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)

SERVING IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Musician: Janet Mallett
Altar Duty: Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau
Presiding Minister: Lay Minister Linda Obermier
Worship Assistant: Nedra Neumann
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor: Vicky Scott
Reader: Nedra Neumann
Usher: Phil Keating
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

Birthdays this week – Dee Neumann (8/8) & Judy O'Dell (8/8)

Happy Anniversary – None to report.

Altar Flowers – by Linda Greene

Readings for August 9th:

1Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14: 22-33

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Office Staff Meeting **Tue August 4th at 10:30am**
Movie Matinee **Sat August 8th at 2:00pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –
Aug. 2: Immunization month, including vaccinations for anthrax, chicken pox, diphtheria, H. influenza, hepatitis A and B, HPV (human papilloma virus), influenza, measles, meningococcal, mumps, pertussis, polio, rabies, rotavirus, rubella, shingles, smallpox, and tetanus.

'Alice Adams' (1935) Saturday, August 8, 2026
Starring: Katherine Hepburn and Fred MacMurray

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues August 18th at Noon.**

GET READY FOR SOME SUMMER DELICIOUSNESS!!
The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 30th** after the church service. The picnic will be held at the church, and please bring a dish to pass – we've been doing pretty well without a sign up sheet, so bring whatever you wish to share! We'll continue to keep this reminder in the bulletin until the week before the event. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Manna Pantry:

August Canned green beans
September Canned corn

Project Starburst:

Peas
Mushroom soup

Grade School
Kleenex, glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, pencils, sanitizer, head phones, wet wipes, erasers, and post-it notes. Also hats, gloves, mittens and sweat pants in unisex colors to fifth grade sizes.

PLEASE NOTE: **Please sign up for our summer bible study! It will be on Thursdays August 13th & 27th. We will be studying 1Corinthians. Pick up your study guide and sign up in the fellowship hall!**

ALSO: Water main repair has begun in earnest on Fuller. The road is closed before Escott to the east of the church, making Bailey or Watertower our only access points until further notice.