Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service August 9th, 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 9th, 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: Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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 **"Shout to the Lord" ELW 821 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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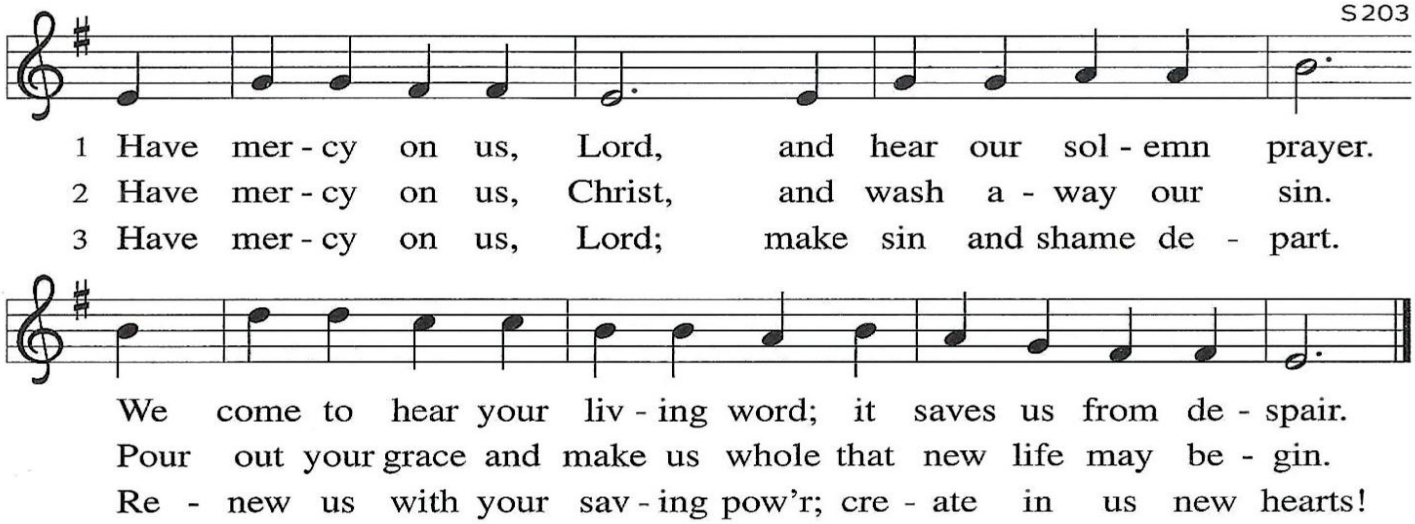

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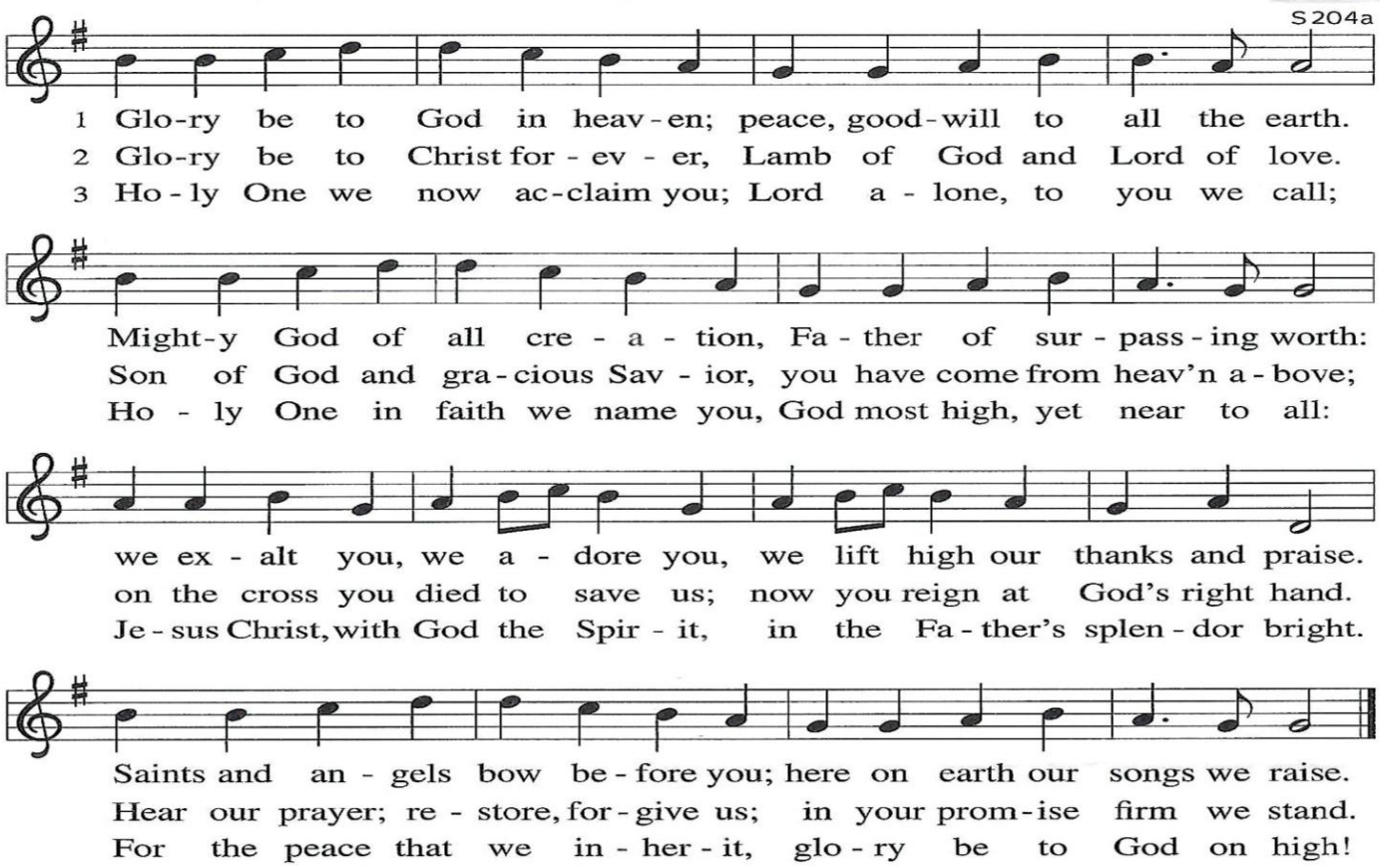


PRAYER OF THE DAY

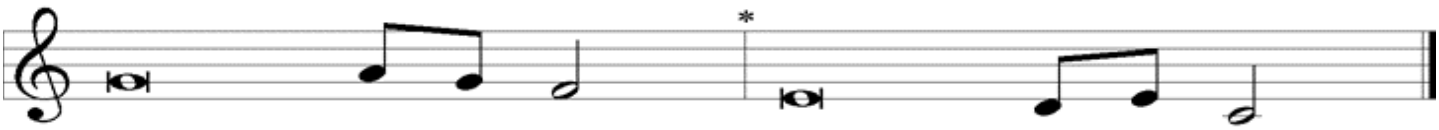
P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: 1Kings 19:9-18

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the
word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I
have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your
covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am
left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."11 He said, "Go out and stand on the
mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so
strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but
the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the
earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the
fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and
went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD,
the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,
and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to
take it away." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of
Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall
anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of
Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu
shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave
seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that
has not kissed him."

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



PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (We sing the Psalm)

8 I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
9 Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

[11] Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
[12] The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
[13] Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

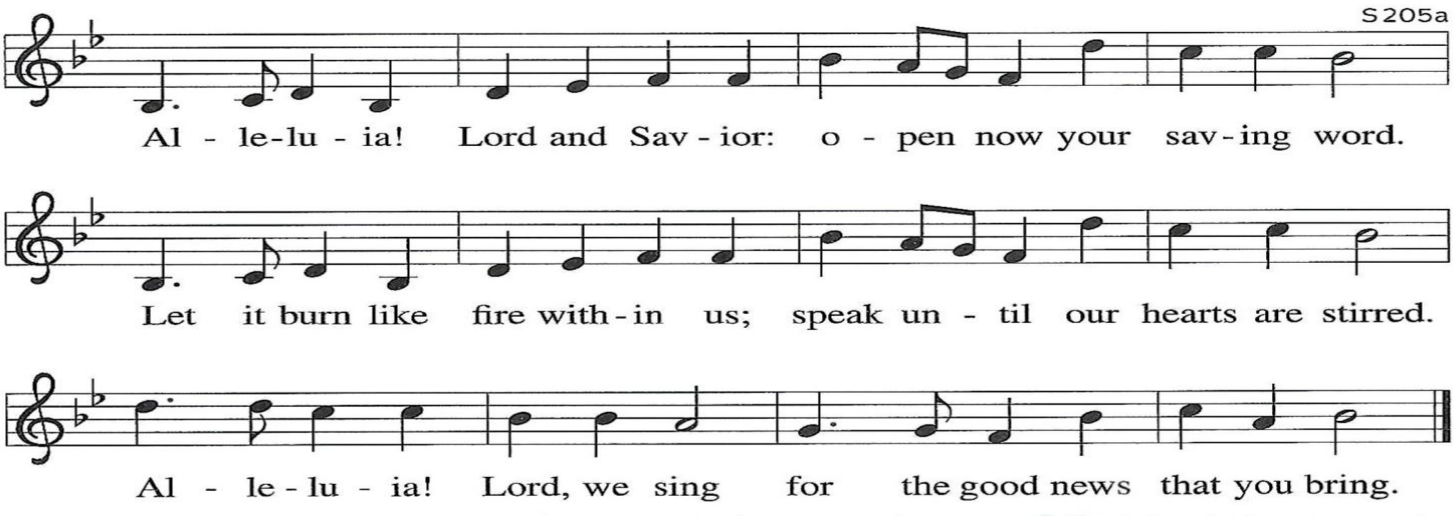
SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

[5] Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who
does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do
not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or
'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what
does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of
faith that we proclaim), [9] because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For one
believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading
to salvation. [11] The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [12] For
there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous
to all who call on him. [13] For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
[14] But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to
believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone
to proclaim him? [15] And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

A: The word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 14.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

22 [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of
Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went
up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this
time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against
them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the
disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they
cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not
be afraid." 28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the
water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and
came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and,
beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand
and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got
into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you
are the Son of God."

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

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Lay Minister Gunder Myran
** Video sermon by* **Bishop Don Kreis, S.E. Michigan Synod** ***

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" ELW 763 Red Hymnal

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

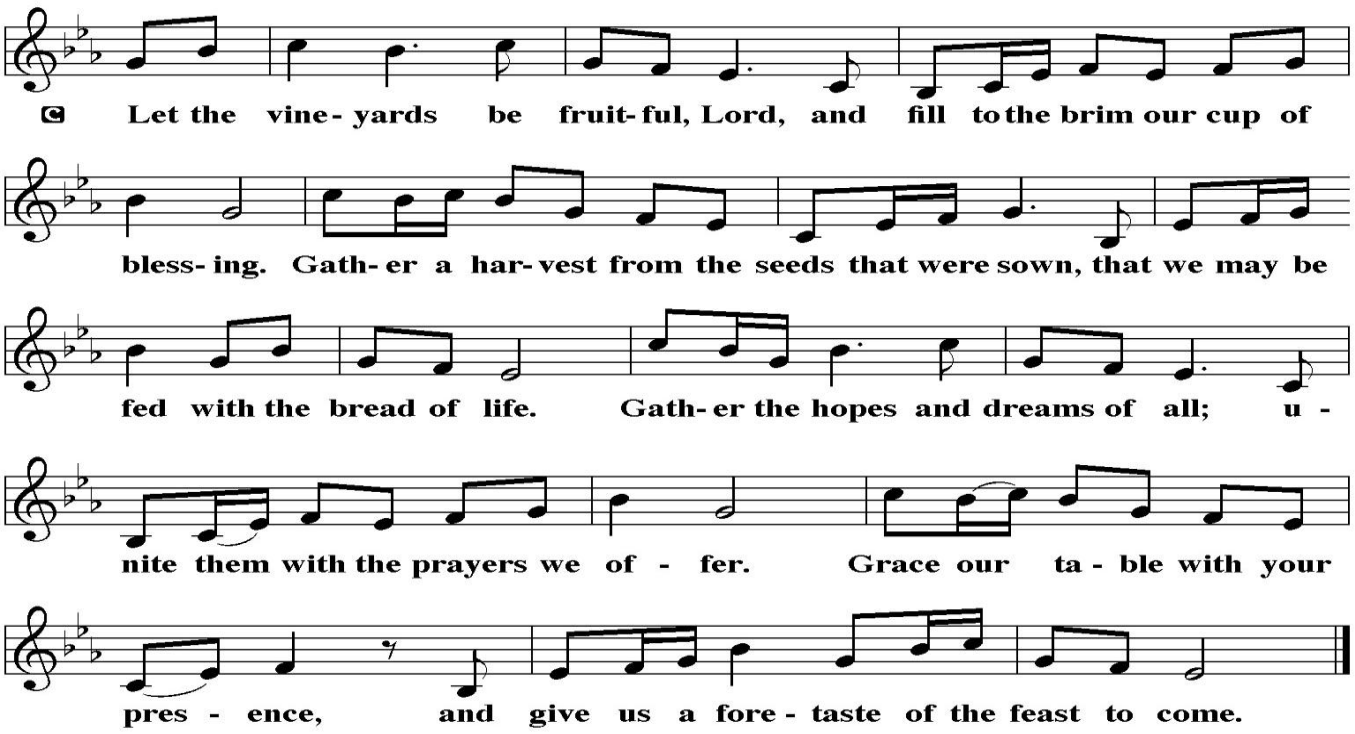
C: APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into 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.

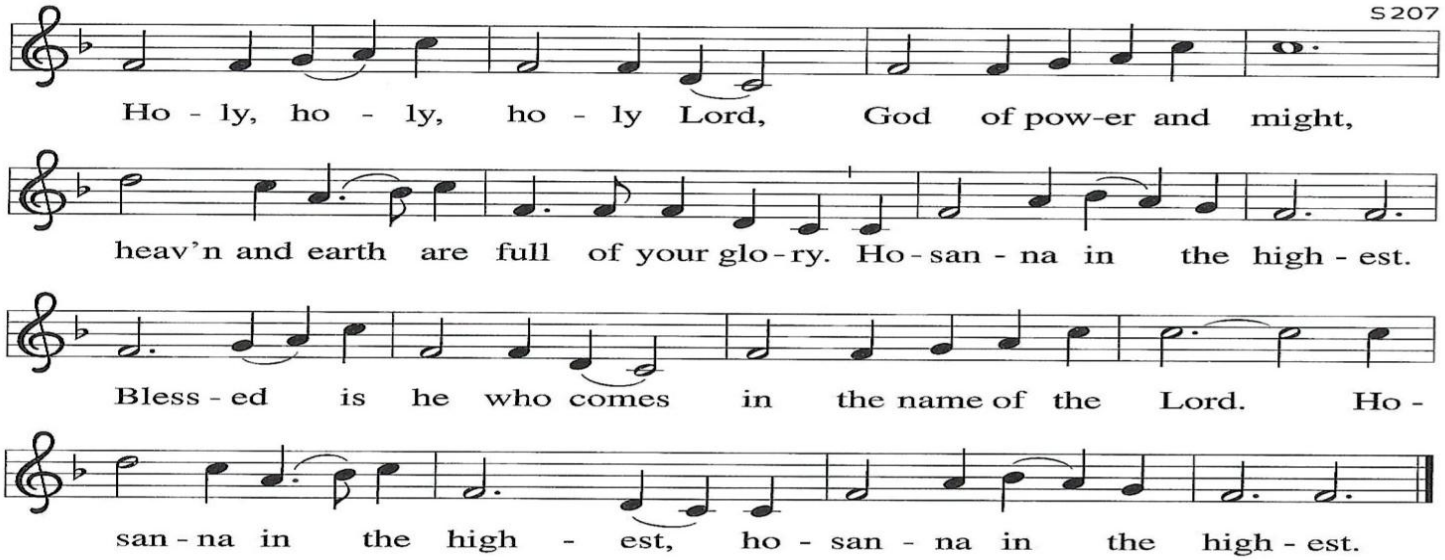
MEAL

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.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

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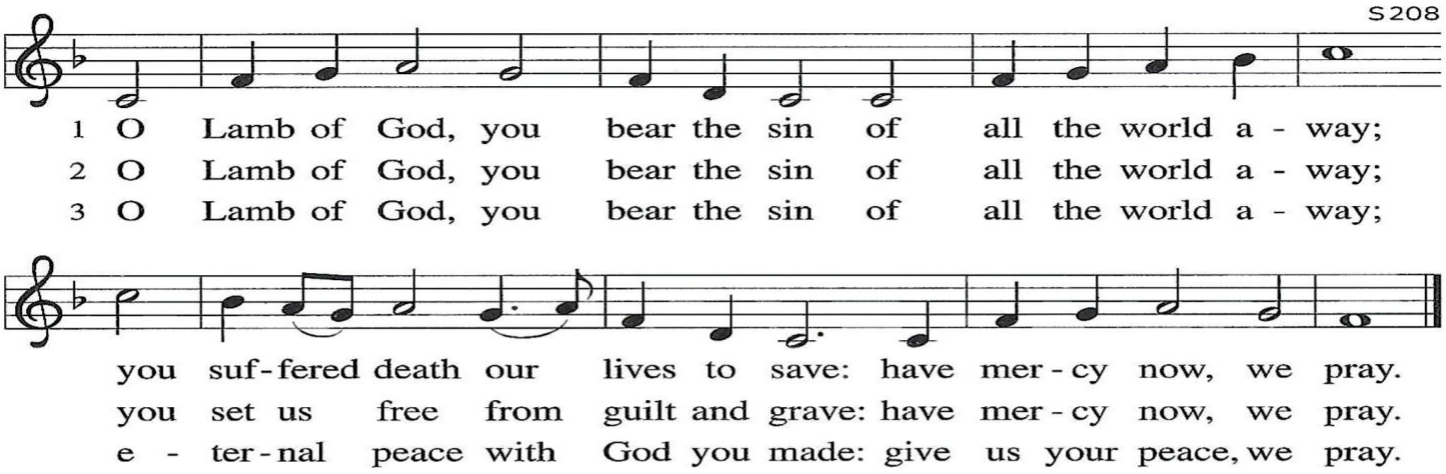
LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW 773 Red Hymnal

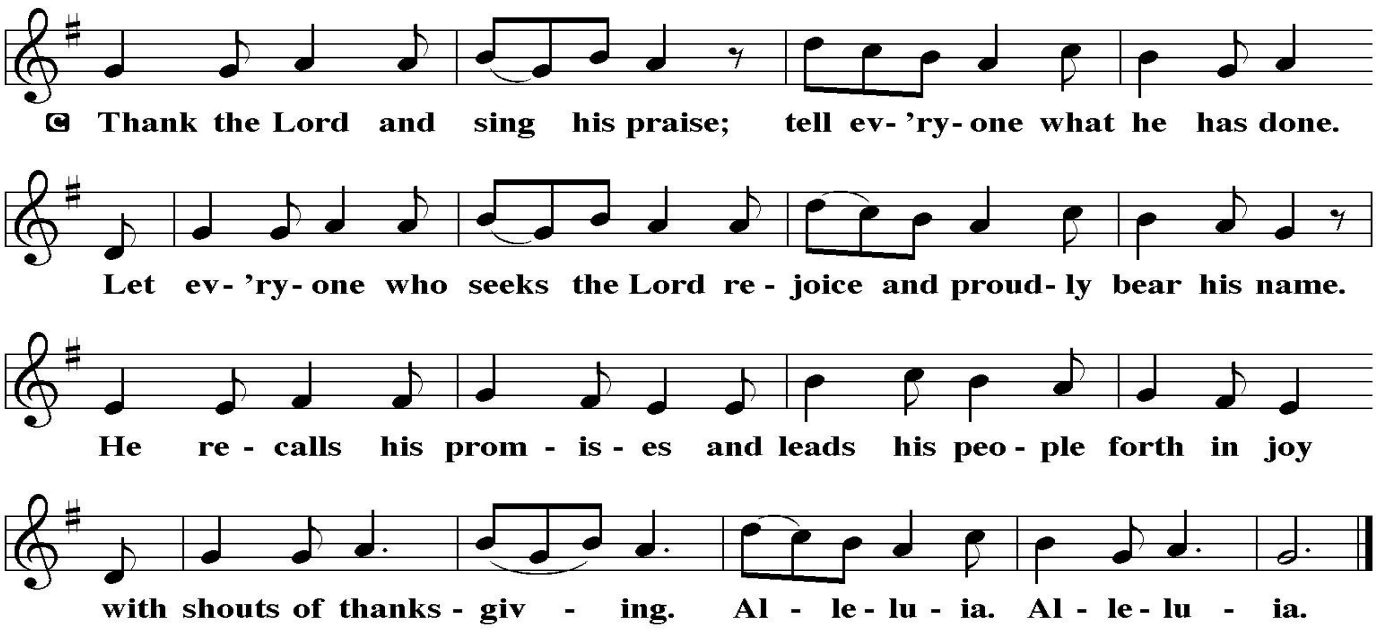
**(Pease stand if you are able)*

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"



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, blesses you, heals you, and holds you today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "When Peace like a River" (It Is Well With My Soul)ELW 785 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 Leader Gunder Myran
Worship Assistant: Linda Obermier
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor: Vicky Scott
Reader: Linda Obermier
Usher: Lee Wolken
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

Birthdays this week – Michell Kauffold (8/11)

Happy Anniversary – None to report

Altar Flowers – by Dee Neumann & Judy O'Dell, to celebrate their birthdays (Aug 8th).

Readings for August 16th:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**
Psalm 67	**Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28**

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Office Staff Meeting **Tue August 11th at 10:30am**
Council Meeting **Tue August 11th at 12:30pm**
Bible Study **Thu August 13th at 6:30pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

August 9: Flu vaccines can be delivered by injection (shot) or nasal spray. Both ways are effective, by nasal spray may be more effective for younger children (2-8 years old) if available. If it is not available, get the flu shot. Nasal spray isn't recommended for children with certain medical conditions or pregnant women.

'Rhapsody in Blue' (1945) Saturday, August 22, 2026

Starring: Robert Alda & Joan Leslie

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.