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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service August 23rd, 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 23rd, 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 Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

<u>GATHERING HYMN</u> "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" ELW 786 Red Hymnal

<u>GREETING</u>

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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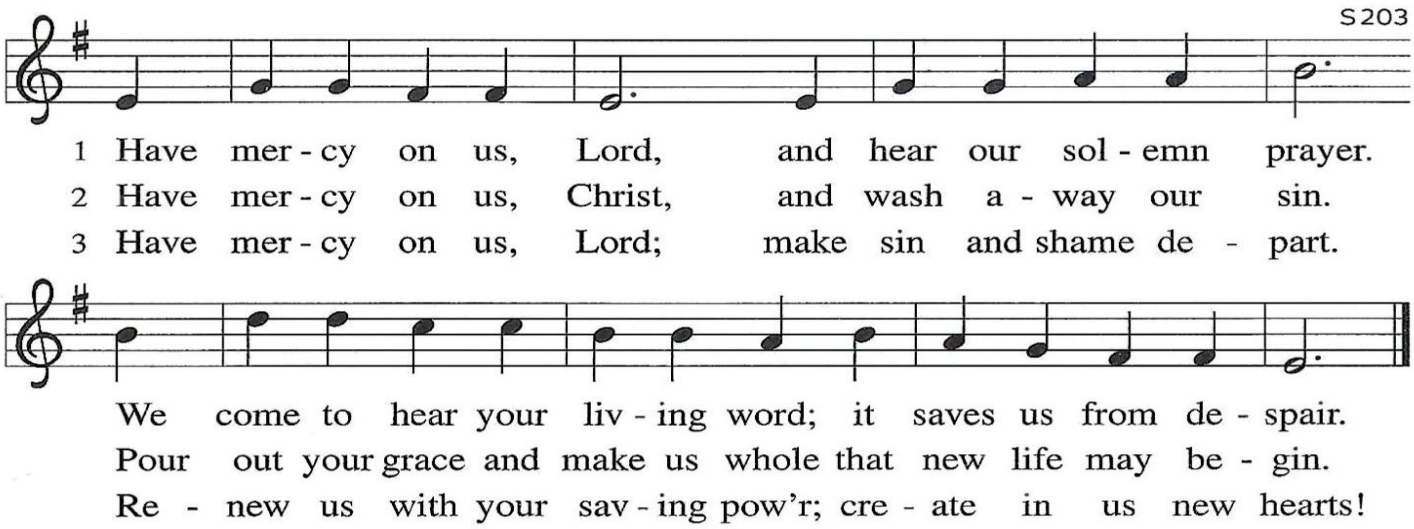

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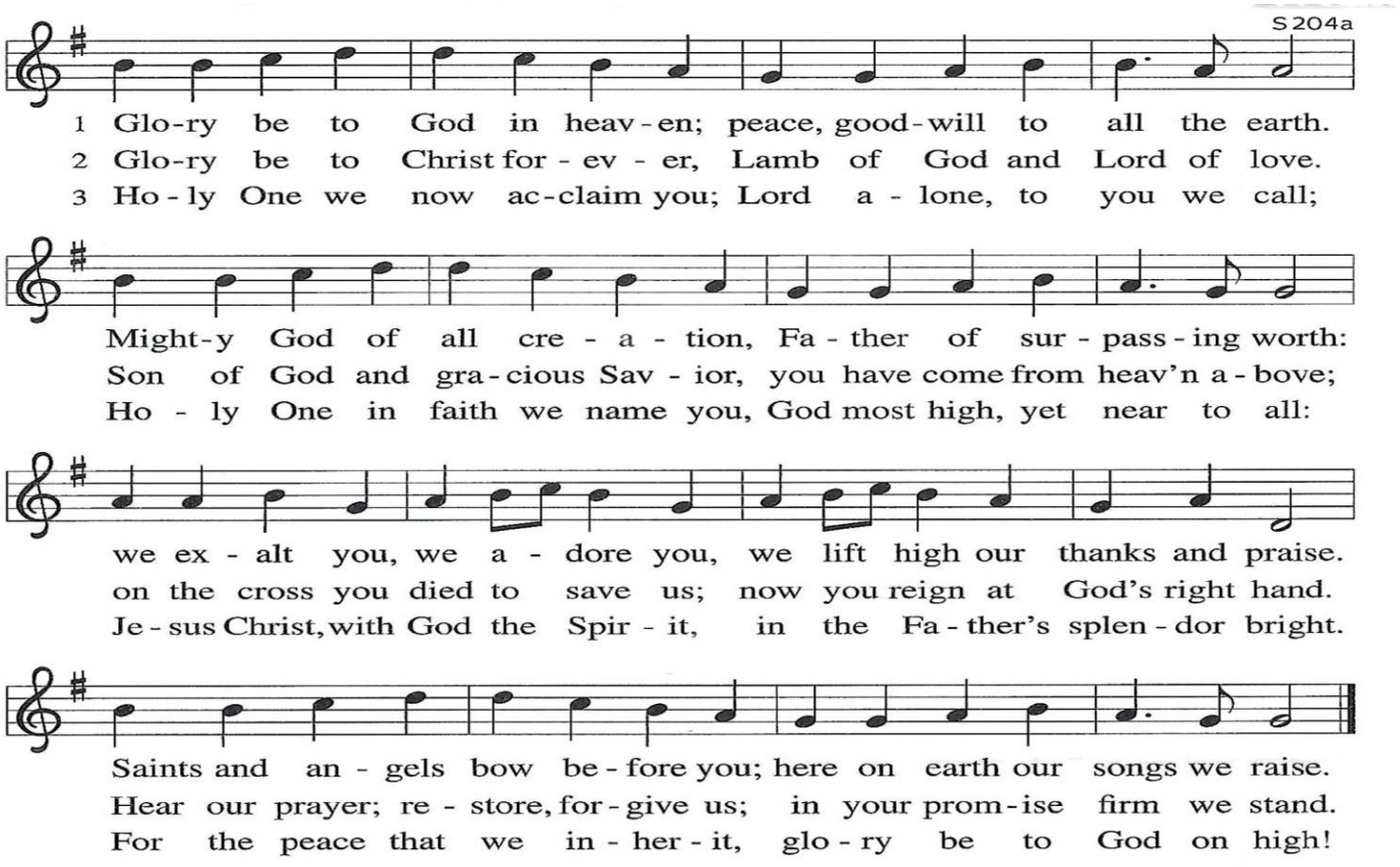


PRAYER OF THE DAY

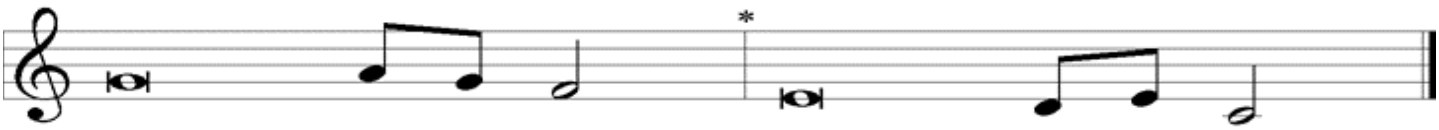
P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

1 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock
from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham
your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed
him and made him many. 3 For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste
places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy
and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4 Listen to me, my
people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice
for a light to the peoples. 5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone
out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they
hope. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die
like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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



PSALM: Psalm 138 (We sing the Psalm)

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.
3 When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
4 All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
5 They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
6 The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.

8 You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

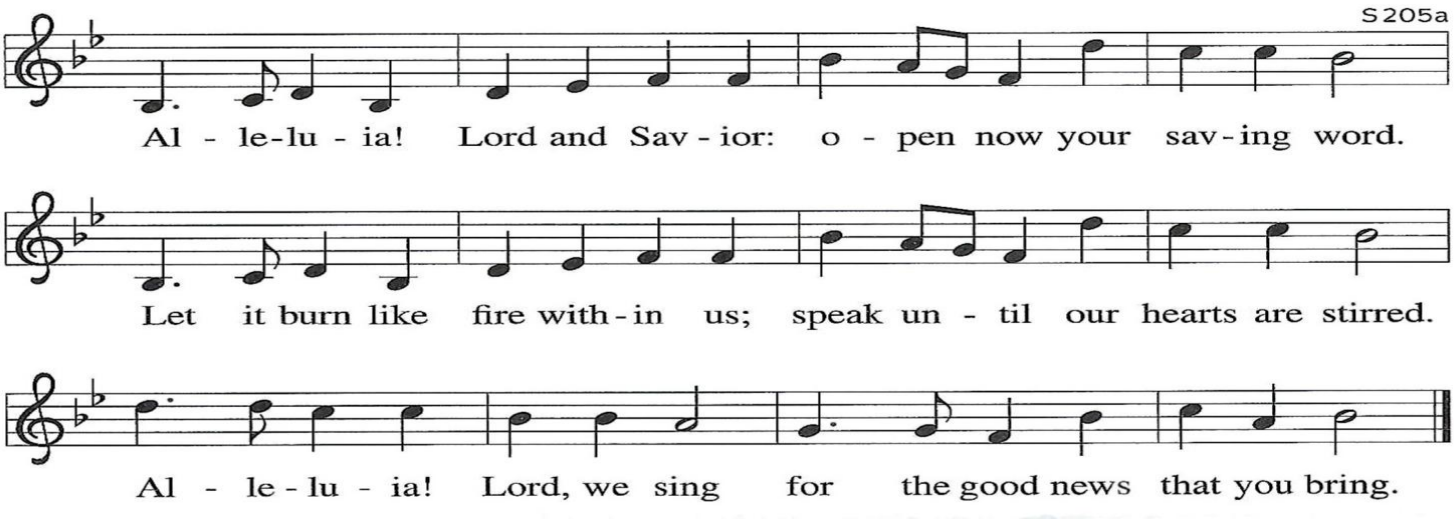
SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of
worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the
mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and
perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members
and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according
to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the
teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in
diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who
do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but
others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who
do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound
in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly
ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Pastor Kristine Hahn "Who is this Jesus?"

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : "Built on a Rock" ELW 652 Red Hymnal

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

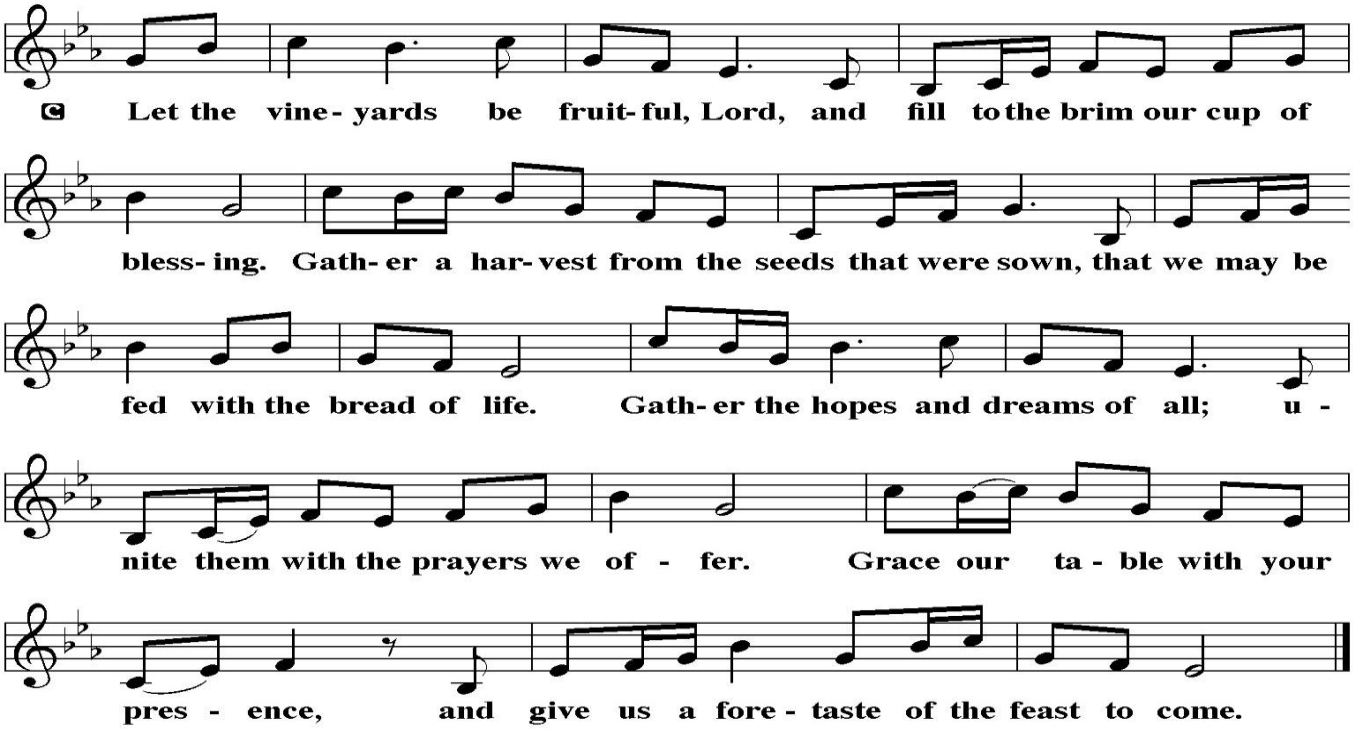
C: APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into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

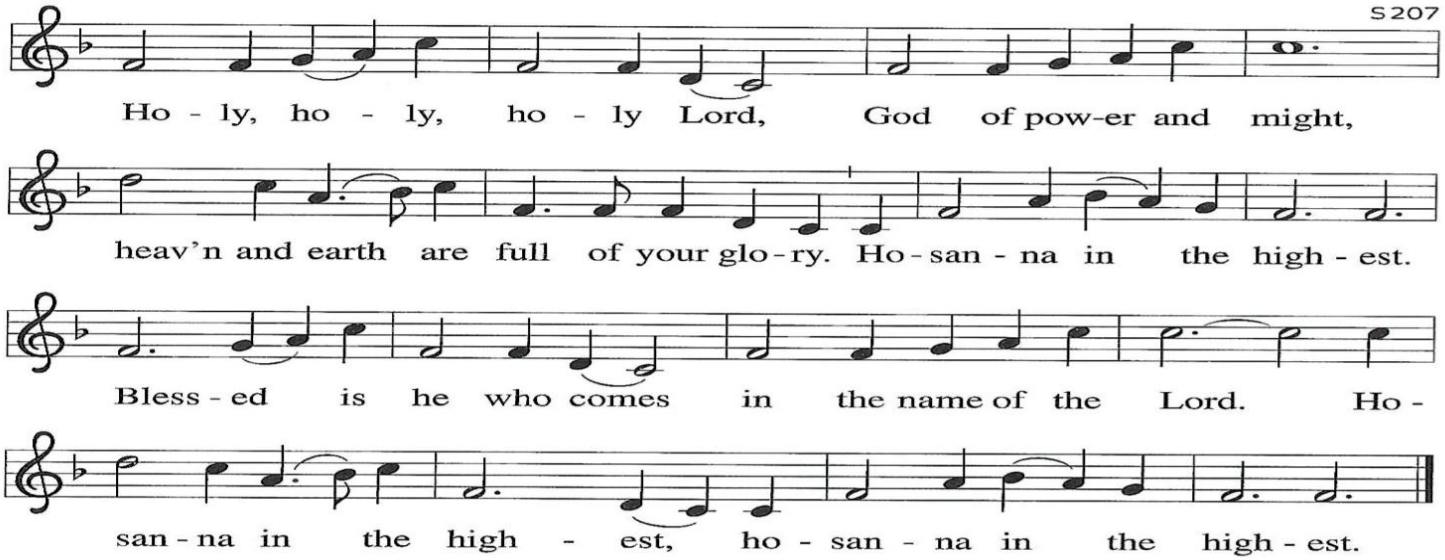
MEAL

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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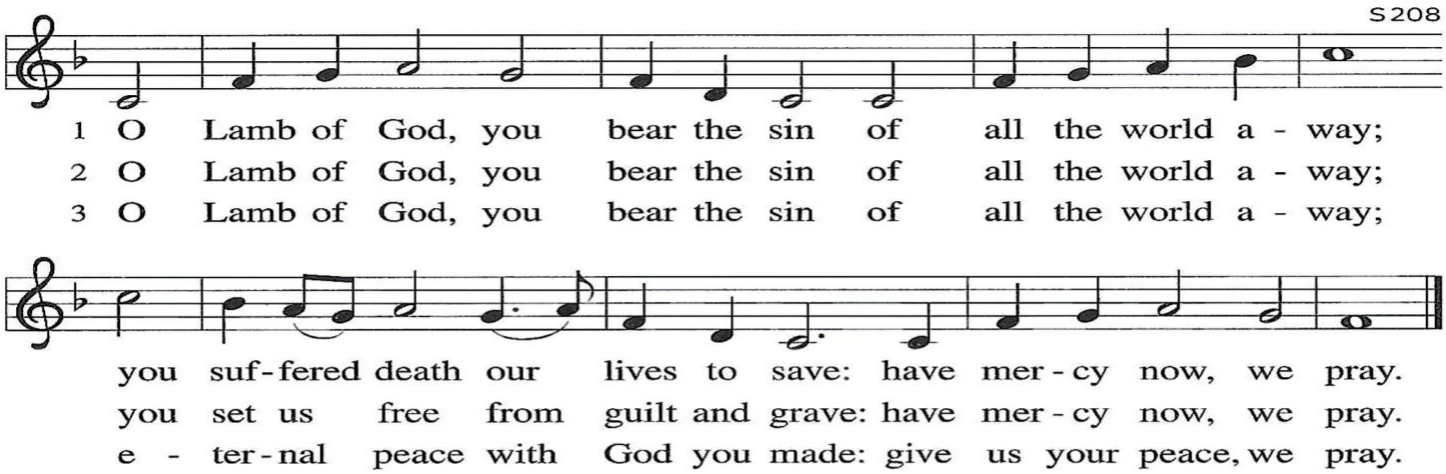
LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW 623 Red Hymnal

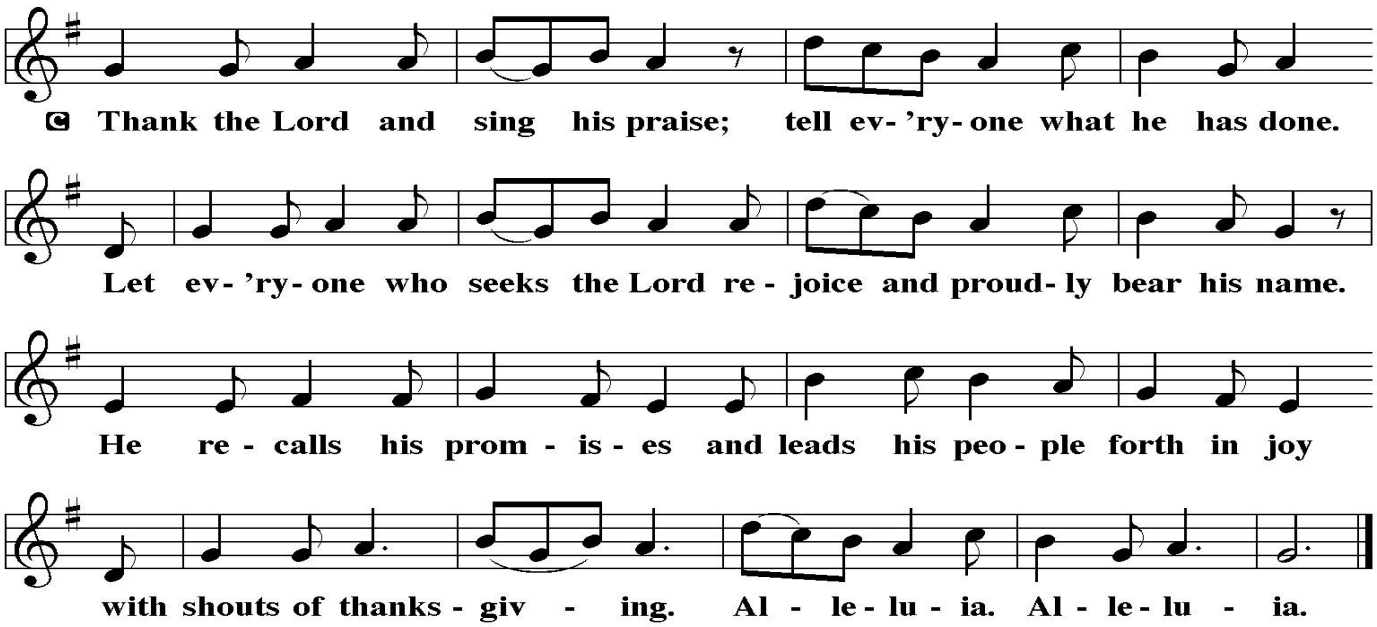
******(Pease stand if you are able)*

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, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" ELW 620 Red Hymnal
Verses 1-4

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: Pastor Kristine Hahn
Worship Assistant: Linda Greene
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor: Vicky Scott
Reader: Carol Wilson-Jungck
Usher: Linda Obermier
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays this week – None to report

Happy Anniversary – None to report

Altar Flowers – by the Switzer's, for the Glory of God

Readings for August 30th:

Jerimiah 15:15-21	**Romans 12:9-21**
Psalm 26:1-8	**Matthew 16:21-28**

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Office Staff Meeting **Tue August 25th at 10:30am**
Hymn Planning **Tue August 25th at 2:00pm**
Bible study **Thu August 27th at 6:30pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

August 23rd: August is SWIM SAFETY MONTH. 1) Take swimming lessons if you or your children don't know how to swim, 2) Swim near a lifeguard and never alone, 3) Don't drink alcohol if swimming or watching children, 4) Use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets if you or your children don't know how to swim (or on a boat). Never rely on a "noodle" or "water wings" for safety, 5) Watch out for a rip current (when water pulls you away from shore), and if caught in a rip tide, swim parallel to the shore and when out of the current, then swim to shore.

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues September 15th 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: **Our final bible study in this series will be on Thursday, August 27th. We will be studying 1Corinthians. Pick up your study guide and sign up in the fellowship hall!**