Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service August 30th, 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 30th, 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: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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.

GATHERING HYMN **"For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879 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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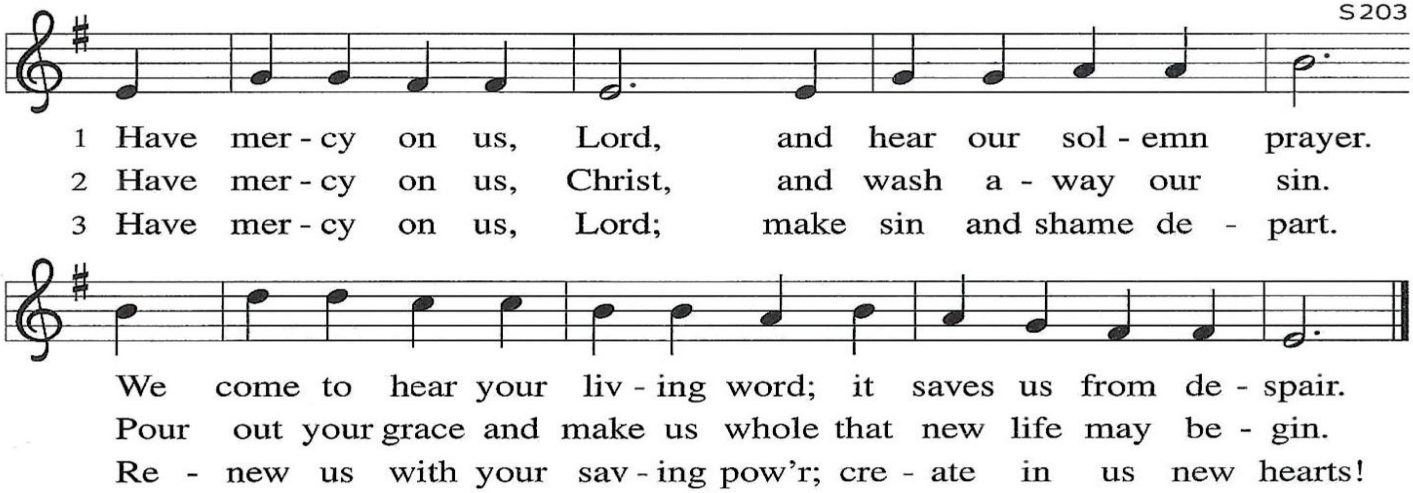

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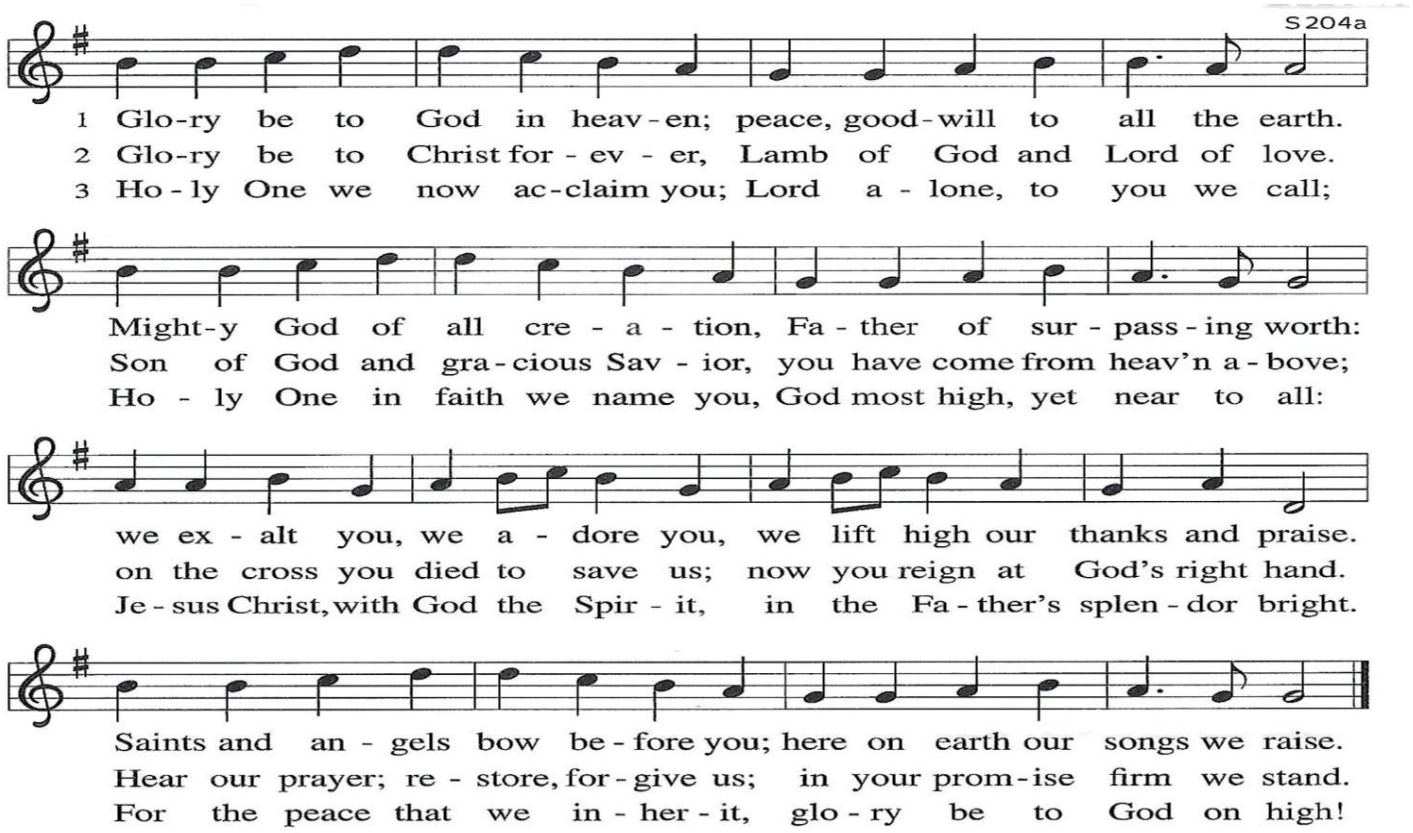


PRAYER OF THE DAY

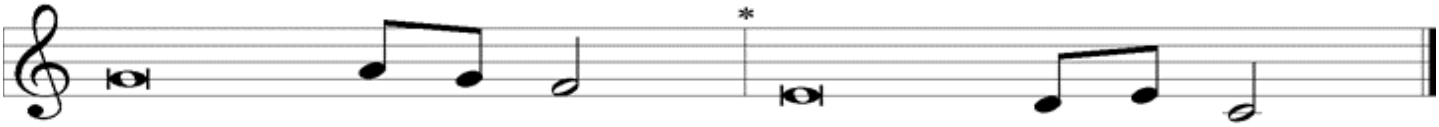
P: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer
insult. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the
delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the
company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for
you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand
before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my
mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. 20 And I will make you
to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not
prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. 21 I will deliver
you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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



PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (We speak the Psalm responsively)

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.
2 Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.
3 For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
4 I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

[8] LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

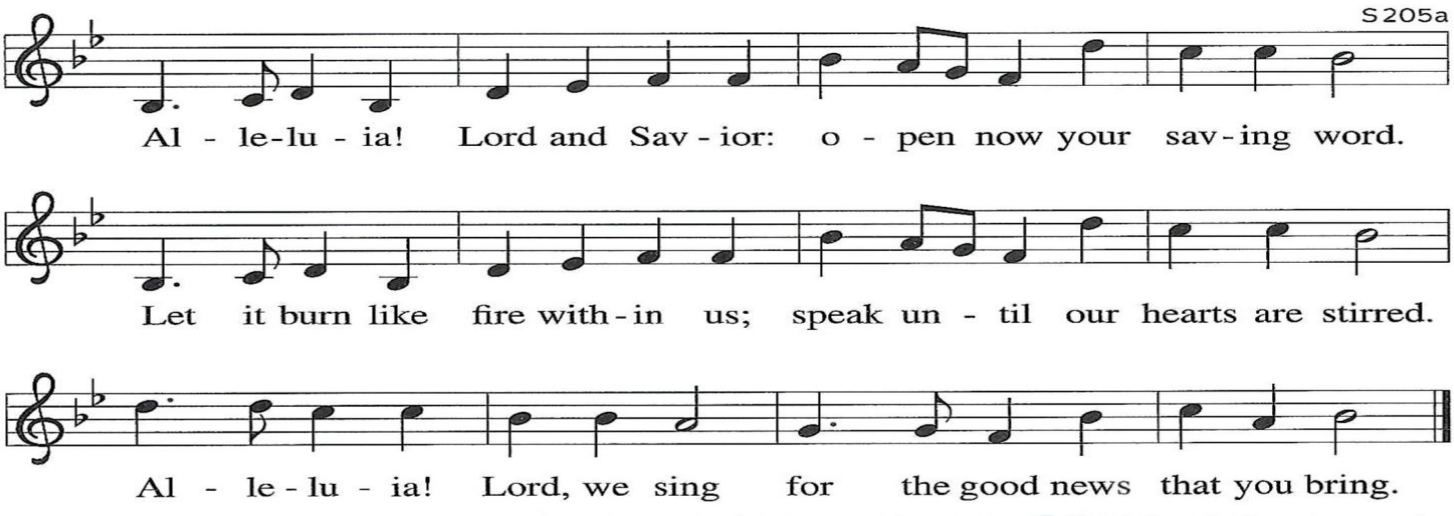
SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

[9] Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; [10] love one another with
mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in
spirit; serve the Lord. [12] Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in
prayer. [13] Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. [14] Bless those
who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep
with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate
with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but
take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18] If it is possible, so far as it depends on
you, live peaceably with all. [19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the
wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." [20] Instead, "if
your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for
by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show
his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter
took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never
happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a
hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain
the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 "For
the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay
everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will
not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Pastor Devon Herrell

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW 659 Red Hymnal

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

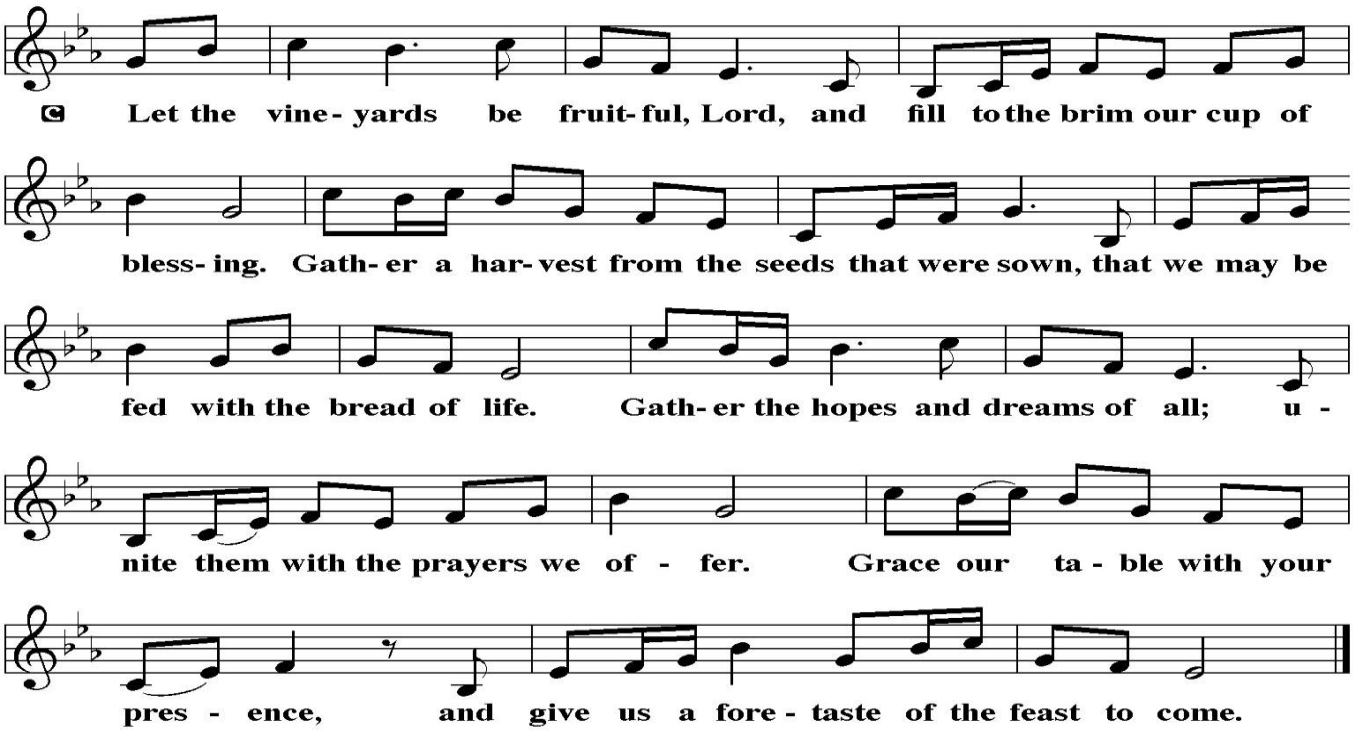
C: APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into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

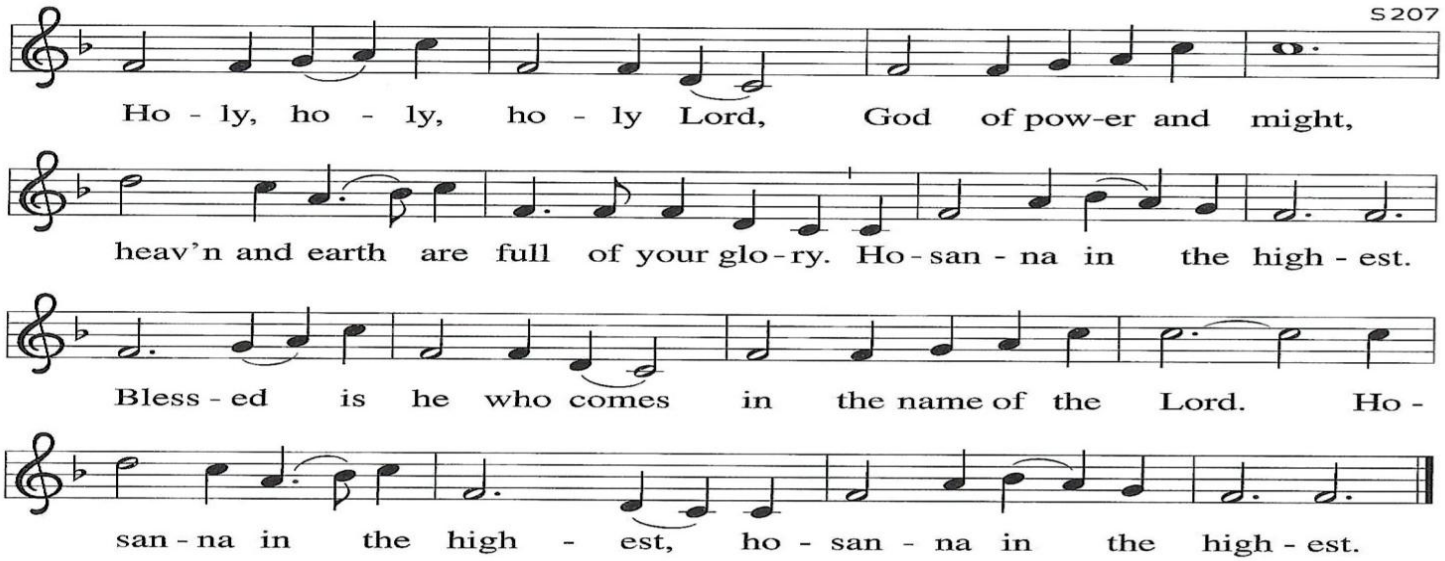
MEAL

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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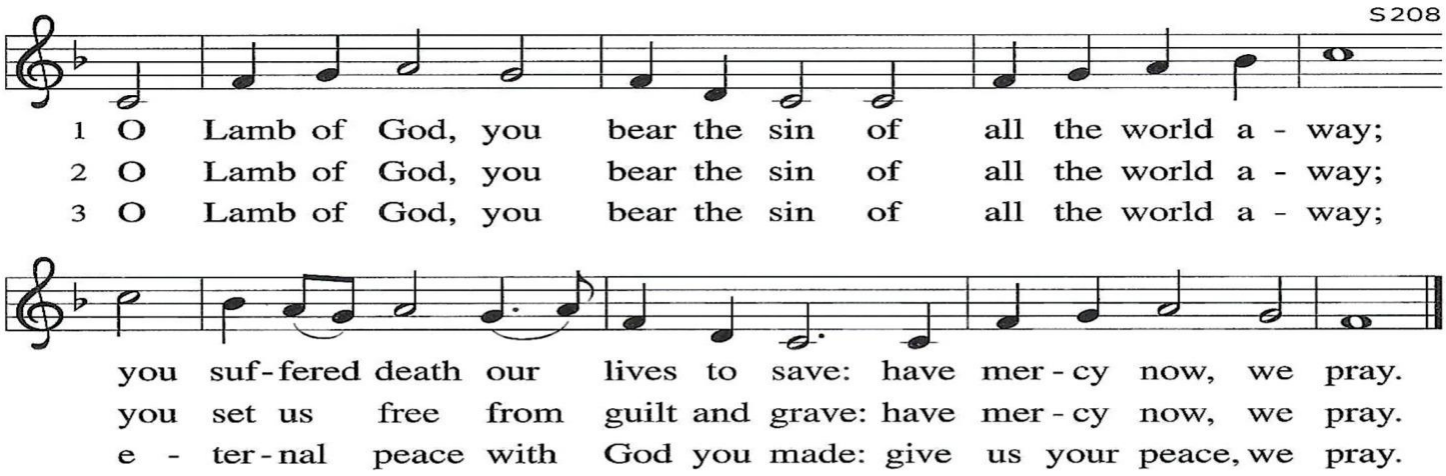
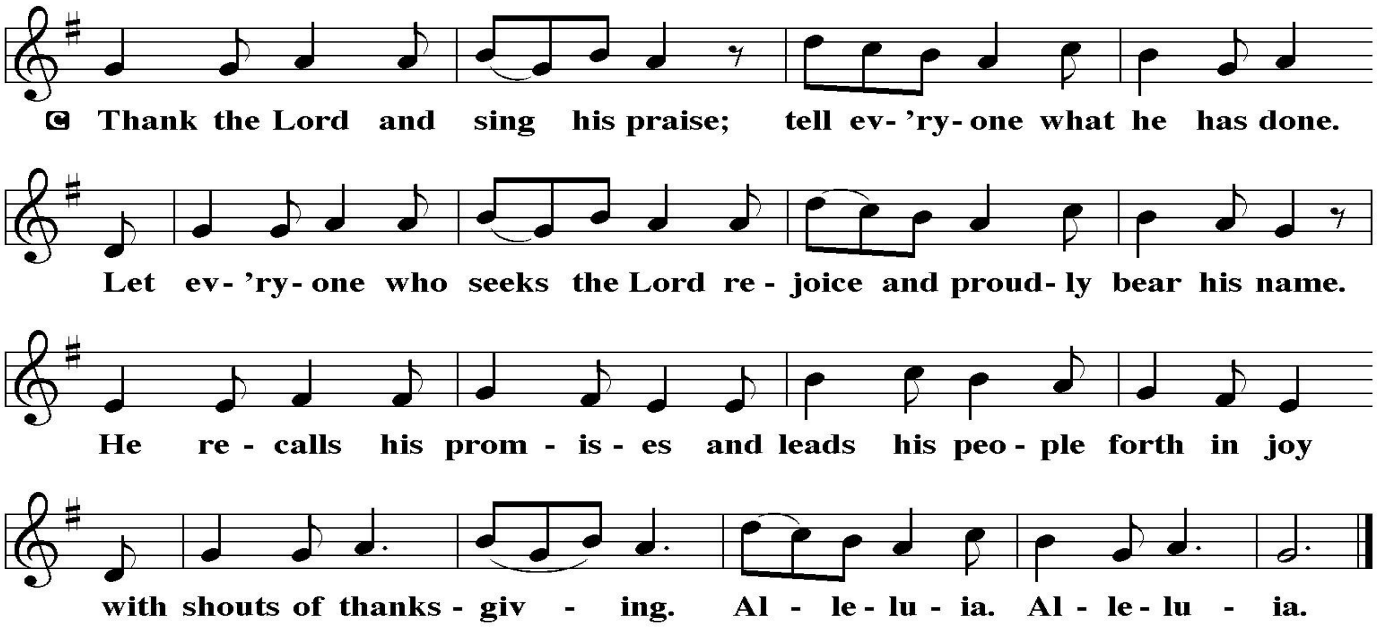

COMMUNION HYMN: "Bind Us Together" WOV 748 Blue Hymnal

**(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: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ELW 656 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: Pastor Devon Herrell
Worship Assistant: Jim Lindsey
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor: None
Reader: Linda Greene
Usher: Linda Obermier
Sound Technician: Nedra Neumann
A/V Projection Technicians: Nedra Neumann

Birthdays this week – Vicky Scott (8/30), Thomas Pennington (9/4), and Neil Perdue (9/4)

Happy Anniversary – Craig & Toni Windquist (9/1)

Altar Flowers – by Dave & Vicky Scott for Vicky's Birthday (8/30)

Readings for September 6th:

Ezekiel 33:7-11	**Romans 13:8-14**
Psalm 119:33-40	**Matthew 18:15-20**

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Church Picnic **Sun August 30th at 10:45am**
Office Staff Meeting **Tue September 1st at 10:30am**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –
August 30th: August is PSORIASIS AWARENESS MONTH. Psoriasis is a recurrent, usually chronic skin disease marked by bright red patches with silvery scales on part of the skin (scalp, knees, elbows, chest, back and buttocks, and sometimes the nails). It can occur in both sexes and at any age; it affects about 3% of white people but is uncommon in blacks. The cause is unknown and there is no cure. Treatment includes topical agents including coal tar, anthralin and steroids and possibly radiation.

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues September 15th at Noon.**

TIME FOR SOME SUMMER DELICIOUSNESS!!
The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for today, **Sunday, August 30th,** after the church service. The picnic will be held at the church. 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.