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The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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Opening Hymn #723

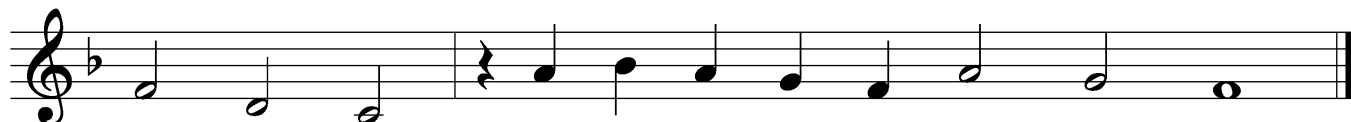
“When in the Hour of Utmost Need”



1 When in the hour of ut - most need we know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone that we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day and all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may to you our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
cries in time of need through him whose name a -
woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you
in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

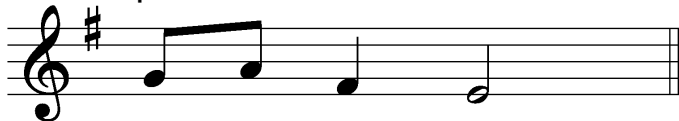
Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



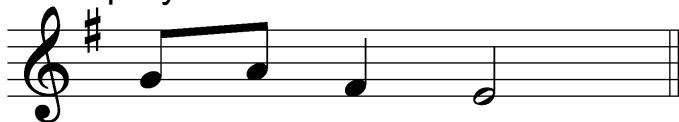
C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

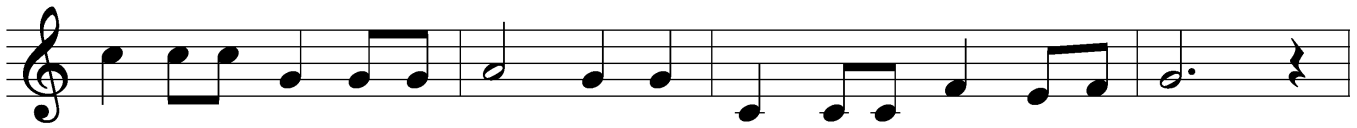
M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



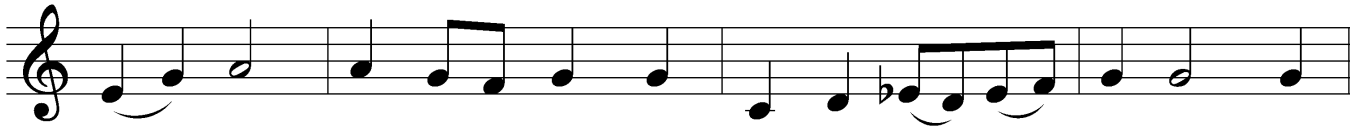
C: **A - men.**

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Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



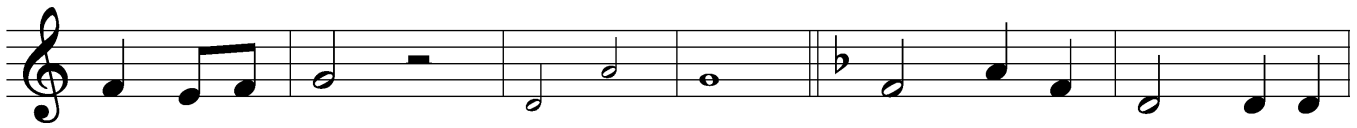
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

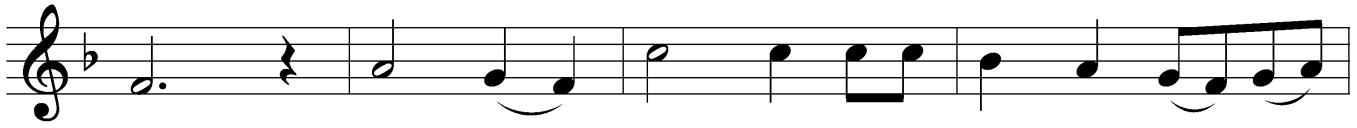
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-30

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121A (early service)

"I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountain"

Sing from the display or the blue hymnal.

Choir Anthem (late service)

"Sing! Shout! Alleluia"

Sing! Shout! Alleluia! Shout to God in one accord. Sing! Shout! Bring a new song.

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Sing! Shout! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord in everything. Sing! Shout! Bring a new song.

Come and make a joyful noise. Shout and sing!

Come before the Lord with a jubilant shout!

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Glory, hallelujah! Let the praises resound!

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord. Sing! Shout! Alleluia!

Shout to God in one accord. Sing! Shout! Alleluia! Bring a new song.

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord. He is our hope for each tomorrow.

He is the one star that lights the way. Praise God! Alleluia! Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord.

Come and sing! Shout! Alleluia! Shout to God in one accord. Sing! Shout!

Bring a new song. Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Alleluia! Praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!

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Second Reading

1 John 5:13-15

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

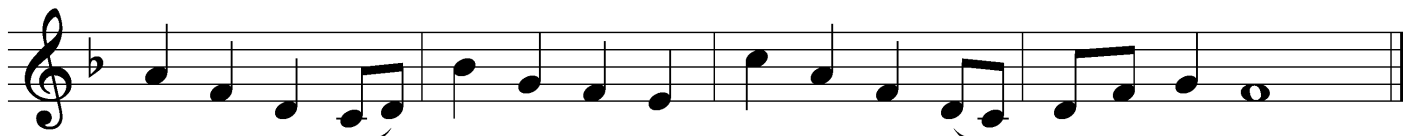
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Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 5:7



Refrain



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

M: Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.

C: *Refrain*

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.

³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’ ”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (NIV)

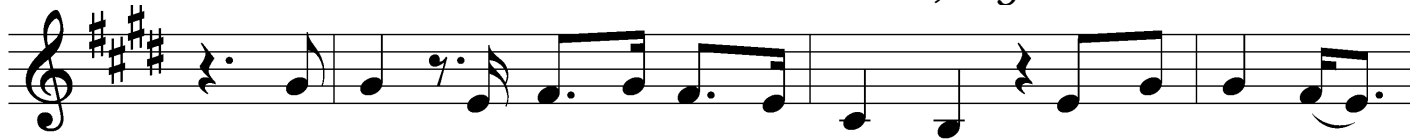
M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

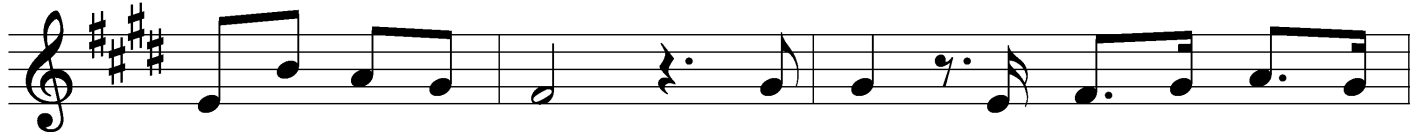
Be seated.

Hymn #539

"O Lord, My Rock and Redeemer"



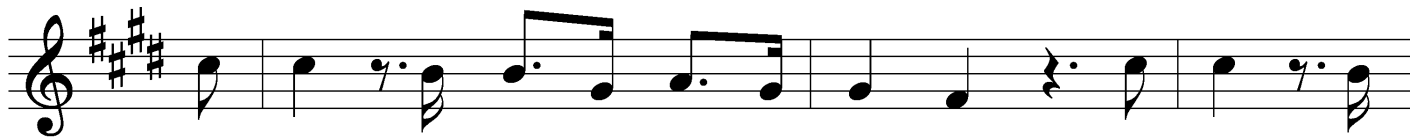
1 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, great-est trea - sure
2 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de - fend - er
3 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, gra-cious Sav - ior



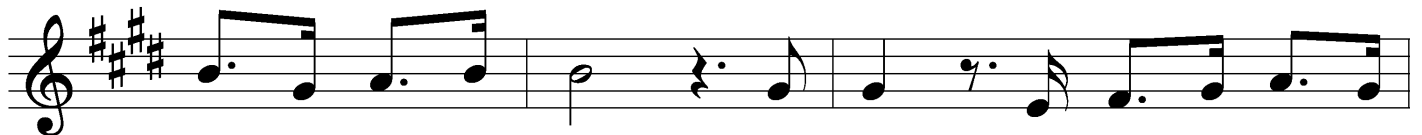
of my long-ing soul, my God, like you there is no
of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -
of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your



oth - er, true de - light is found in you a - lone.
ceiv - er, and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful darts,
shoul - ders, in my place you suf - fered, bled, and died.



Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om, your love ex -
my song when en - e - mies sur-round me, my hope when
You rose, the grave and death are con-quer-ed; you broke my



ceeds the heav - ens' reach, your truth, a fount of per - fect
tides of sor - row rise, my joy when tri - als are a -
bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my rock and my Re -



wis - dom, my high-est good and my un-end - ing need.
bound - ing, your faith-ful - ness, my ref - uge in the night.
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

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Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

Friendship Register is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to
the description link and sign in.

Freewill Offering The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give
electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Visitors:** Please see our communion statement on page 16 before joining us at the Lord's table.

Please stand.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

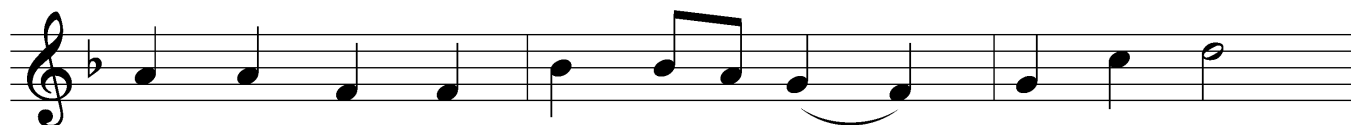
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.



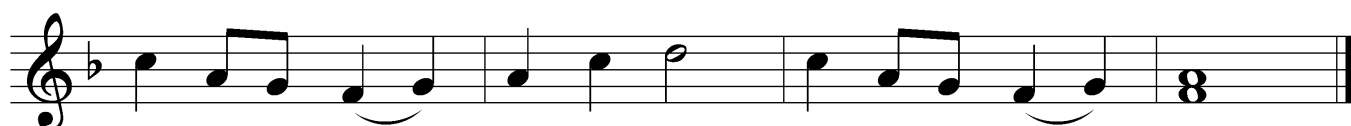
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

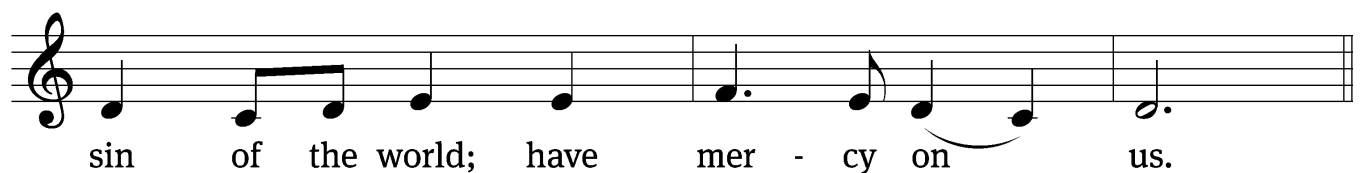
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

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Be seated.

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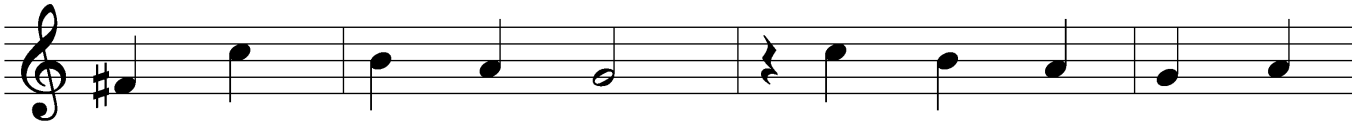
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"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
 2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
 3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in
 4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
 drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
 sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don
 poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.
 sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!



Refrain

Lord, may your bod-y and your blood be for my soul the high-est good.

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|---|--|
| <p>5 Your holy heart has one obsession,
 one blessèd thing it burns to do—
 to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
 so I, a sinner, come to you.
 (Refrain)</p> | <p>8 By faith I call your holy table
 the testament of your deep love,
 for by your gift I now am able
 to know the heart of God above.
 (Refrain)</p> |
| <p>6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
 by all this weight of sin oppressed!
 Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
 and feed me as your grateful guest.
 (Refrain)</p> | <p>9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
 to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
 to angels joy, to hell confounding,
 and life for me in death's dark hour.
 (Refrain)</p> |
| <p>7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces
 a heart of deep humility
 that mourns its sin and yet embraces
 the merit you have earned for me.
 (Refrain)</p> | <p>10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
 O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, your praises telling,
 shall live in joy eternally.
 (Refrain)</p> |

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

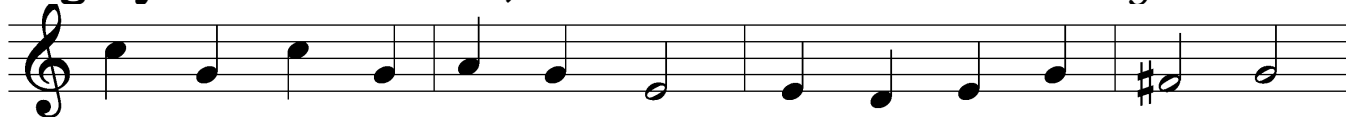
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #776 sts.1-2,4

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
4 If your task is thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
safe - ly then your course will run, naught your soul dis - tress - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;



in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

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Young Adult Fellowship gathering here at the Church on October 25 at 5:30 pm.

There will be games, a short devotion, and, of course, food. Questions can be directed to the Vicar @ 479-684-8231. Hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study October 18 at 9:00 AM (it's a new time).

Please sign up.

Preschool Open House & Singing will be November 2. The Preschool students will be here to sing at the late service. There is a light luncheon after the service.

Traditionally almost all of the preschool students and their families attend the service and the luncheon after. We are asking for 2 – 4 people who are willing to help watch the students in the preschool room during the service. We are also asking for a few people who would be willing to help serve the food after the service. If you would like to help, please sign up. We will also have a sign-up sheet for members of the congregation who would like to stay for the luncheon after. The preschool students artwork will be on display in the education hallway for people to view that day.

Help Support a Missionary!

Vicar Johannes's friend Liam is working towards being a pastor. But his path is taking him to Japan as a missionary first. He leaves this month, with Friends Network, a WELS organization, to spread the light of God's truth to the people in Japan. If you would like to help support his ministry, you can give at <https://www.friendsnet.org/liam>

Area Reformation Service will be held in Maumee, Ohio at Resurrection Lutheran Church on November 2 at 4 PM. There is a sign-up sheet for the meal.

BIBLE STUDY Sunday

Adult Bible Study Today's Readings 9:20 AM

Wednesday	Adult Bible Study	Hebrews	10:00 AM
Thursday	Zoom Bible Study	WELS History	7:00 PM

OCTOBER GREETERS

EAST

10/12 8AM	Karl & Lynn F.
10:30AM	Becky F.
10/19 8AM	Volunteer
10:30AM	Helen R.
10/26 8AM	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jim & Jamie T.

NORTH

Volunteer
Kay M.
Volunteer
Brad & Sarah S.
Volunteer
Marjorie H.

OCTOBER USHERS 8AM Brad S., Eldon B. **10:30AM** Don B., Dave Z.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Trunk or Treat, 1 - 2:30 PM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Tuesday	Elders, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study, 7:00 PM
	Friday	Worship Board, 7:00 AM
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Today!
Sunday, October 12
1:00 PM ~ 2:30 PM



Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the

Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.