

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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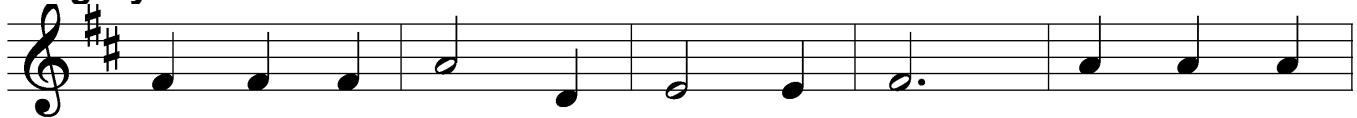
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Opening Hymn #582

"Not unto Us"



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 to claim my mansion in the skies,
 this then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 for me and all your hands have made,
 an everlasting ransom paid.

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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 mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

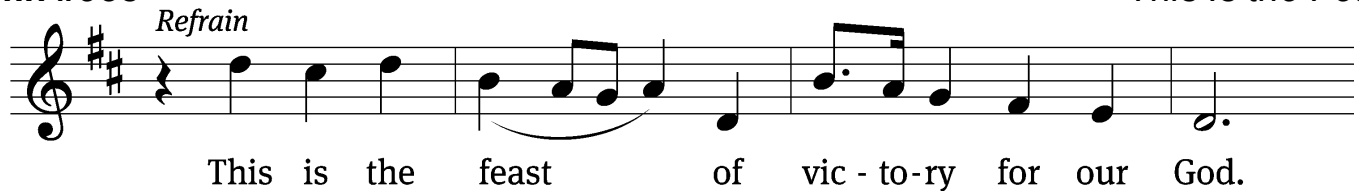
C: Lord, have mercy.

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

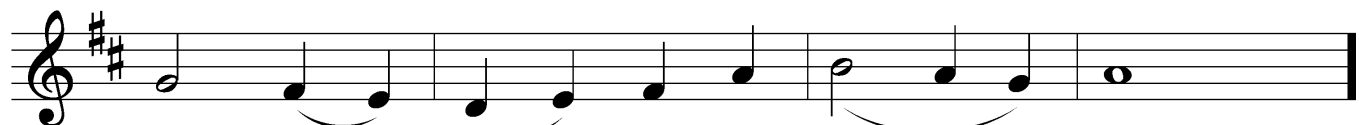
C: Amen.

Hymn #938

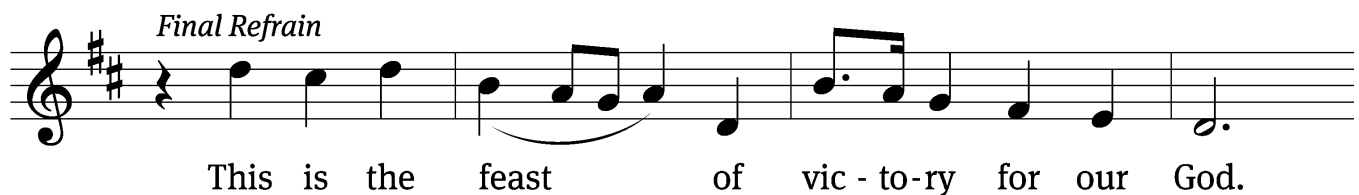
"This Is the Feast"



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." (NIV)

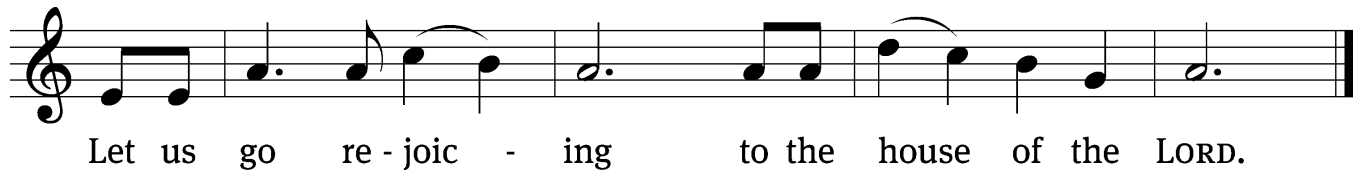
M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

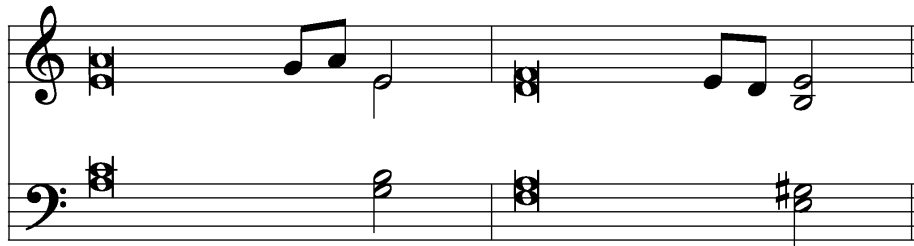
Psalm 84E

"Let Us Go Rejoicing"

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
LORD Al- / mighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts / of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the / living God.
Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

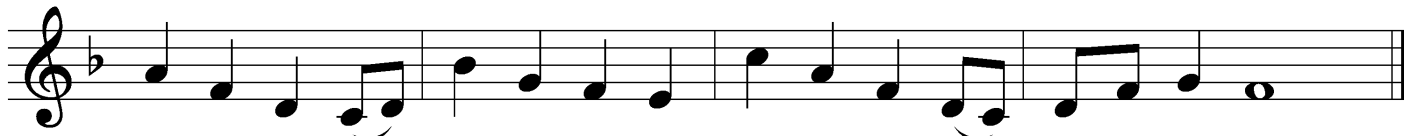
Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6



Refrain



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

M: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples.

C: *Refrain*

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 22:1-14

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

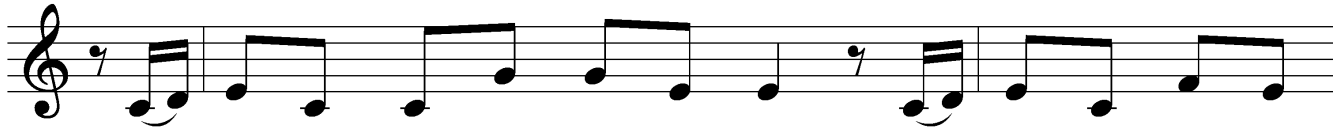
Be seated.

Hymn #818

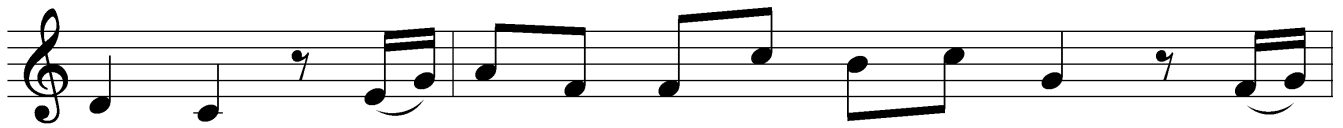
"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"



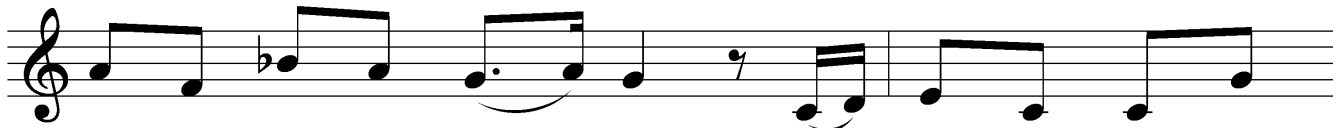
1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion;
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com-plete - ly;



a for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be
 when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -
 with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his



shak - en. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and
 va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't
 mer - cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a



lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on
 set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in
 sigh too brief to mea - sure, my king has crushed the



right - eous - ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
 curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

Sermon Text

Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon

"The Best Banquet Ever"

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

**M: Lord Almighty, our King and our God, you are our sun and shield. Give your people
strength until we appear before you. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;**

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

**M: Reveal your righteousness to all in the gospel of Christ, that many may be saved by
your power and dwell in your house forever. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;**

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

M: Send your messengers near and far to share the invitation to your heavenly feast. Bless their testimony and open hearts to your Word. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

M: When you renew all things you will wipe away tears from all faces. Lift the spirits of those who are troubled, provide them with caring friends, earthly medicine and your heavenly peace. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

M: Bless your servants who reach out across cultures with the gospel of Jesus. Let your love conquer all prejudice and drive away all fears of differences. Bring people of all languages and races into your body, the Church. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

M: You alone can give food for the soul, medicine for the sick and deliverance for your people. Hear our prayers for all who are in pain or in need, [*especially...*] that we all may rejoice and be glad in your salvation. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty;

C: Listen to us, God of Jacob.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Lord Almighty, help us obediently follow the call of your Word, steadfastly believe in Christ, follow him in true innocence, show our faith with good works and enjoy your goodwill and blessing forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Please stand.

Preface

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.

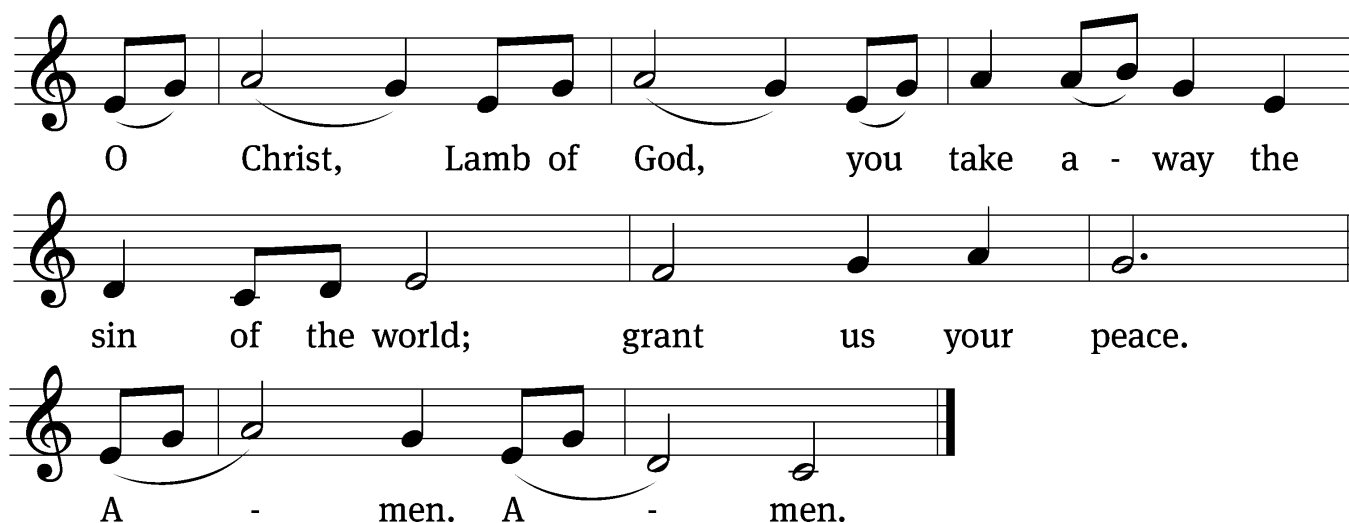
C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score for 'O Christ, Lamb of God' is written on five staves. The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The second and third staves form the first phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The fourth and fifth staves form the second phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first phrase ends with a double bar line, and the second phrase also ends with a double bar line.

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; have mer - cy on us.



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Be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution hymns are available in the blue hymnal and on the display.

Large print bulletins have it printed at the back of the bulletin.

Distribution Hymn #668

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

Distribution Hymn #638

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

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 #902 sts.1-4,6

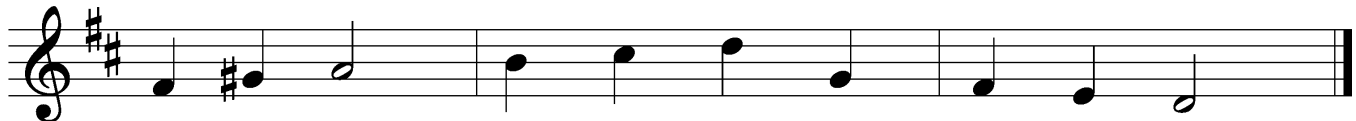
"Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word"



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,
ac - tion heart and mind; let the gath - 'ring



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

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Pastor Krueger is serving at Trinity Lutheran in Jenera this morning.

Trunk or Treat

Is today 1:00-2:30 PM. In case of rain we will meet in the sanctuary. We can use more helpers to hand out candy. Or please invite your friends!

Men's breakfast is this Saturday, 9:00 AM. Sign up in back.

Volunteers - needed

We are looking for a few volunteers who could be on a list to call when we need a nursery helper for our Japanese cooking class and Bible study. This ministry meets once a month on a Friday from October-May, and the time you would be needed is from 11:00 to approximately 12:30. The Green girls will be in there to help, but we need one adult volunteer to oversee things. You are welcome to stay for the lunch that we prepare if you'd like!

If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Bethany Green (419-721-8563).

Bible Classes

Our Wednesday Bible class has begun a study of the book of 1 John, a letter focusing on the love of God in our lives. Our Thursday Zoom Bible class is just starting a study of the Life of Moses. Join us as we apply God's Word to our lives!

The Area Reformation Service

Area WELS and ELS churches will hold a Reformation Service at Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 PM. There is a meal following. If you can attend the meal, please sign up in back. Main course provided by Abiding Word; Immanuel members are asked to bring a side dish if possible.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Trunk or Treat, 1-2:30 PM Confirmation, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
	Monday	
	Tuesday	Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Friday	
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:00 AM
	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Bible Study

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Jonah	9:20 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Class	1 John	10 AM
<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	The Life of Moses	7 PM

October

Greeters

East

North

10/11

8AM Volunteer
10:30AM Diane L.

Volunteer
Tim P.

10/18

8AM Volunteer
10:30AM Brad & Sarah S.

Volunteer
Anna R.

10/25

8AM Volunteer
10:30AM Laura & Mike B.

Volunteer
Denny & Sharon P.

Ushers

8AM Tim P., Howard W.
10:30AM Joe B., Brad S.

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.

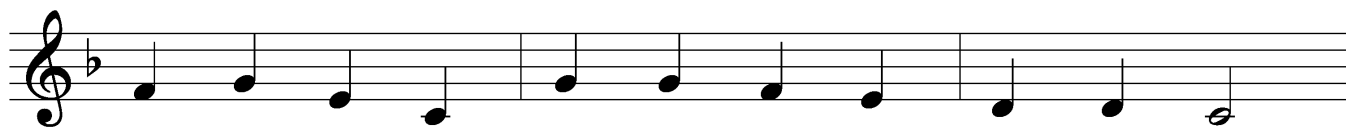
Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we 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.

Distribution Hymn #668

"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



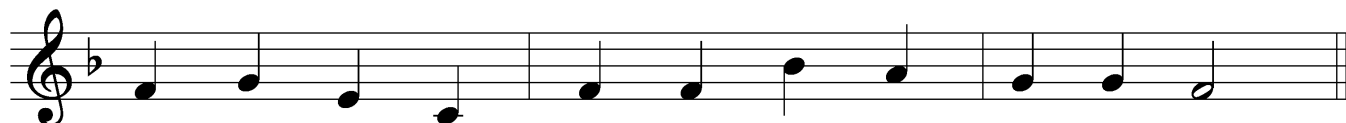
1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 whose own feast of love I savor,
 bidden by his gracious call.
 Wedding garments he provides me,
 with a robe of white he hides me,
 fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 comfort in my tribulation,
 balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 cleanses me from sin and error,
 makes my wounded spirit whole.

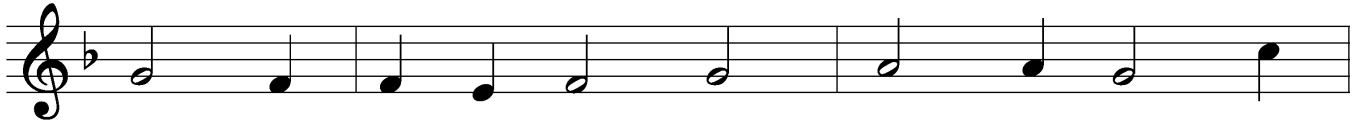
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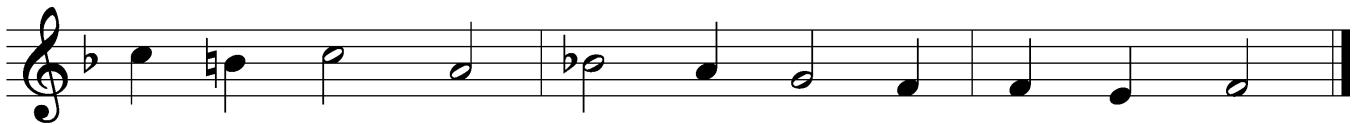
"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, who sent his
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, who made th' a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness to robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save from sin and



Son to save our race, pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice and calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; from all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; it works the faith which



lived and died that we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op - pressed to come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease and gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 firm - ly clings to all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
 and bids their hearts no more be sad;
 the weary, burdened souls it cheers
 and banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
 nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 may we in faith its truth confess
 and praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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