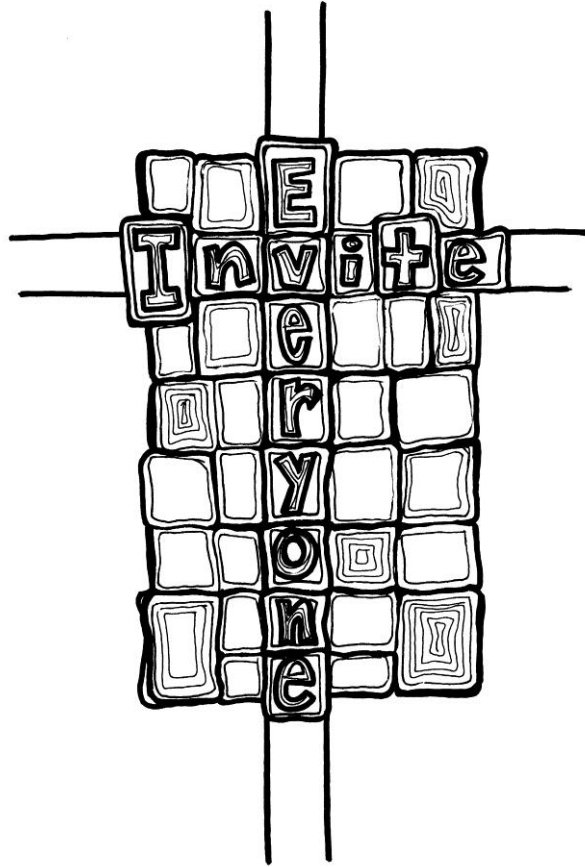


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 19*



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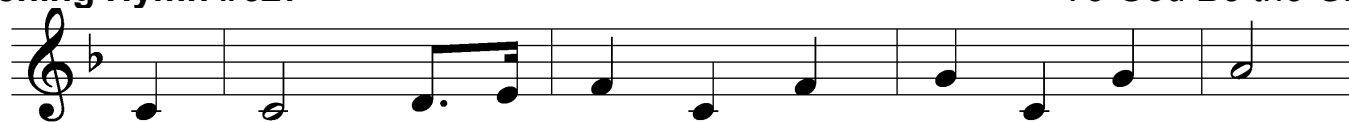
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Guest Minister: Rev. David Bostedt



Opening Hymn #627

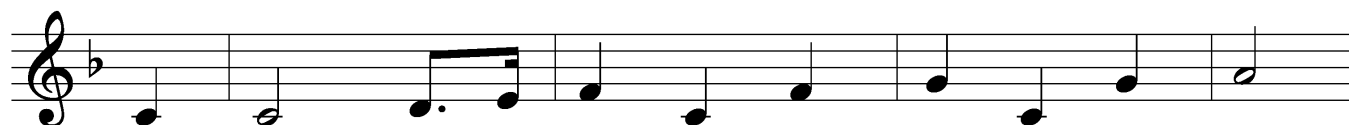
"To God Be the Glory"



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

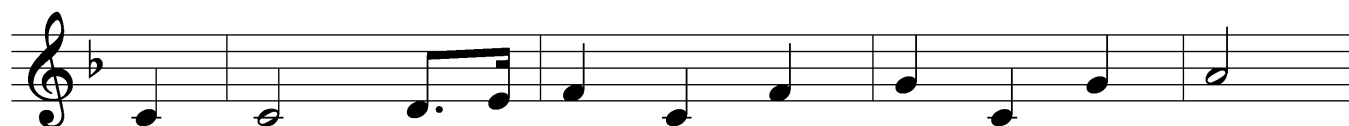
Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

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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: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.

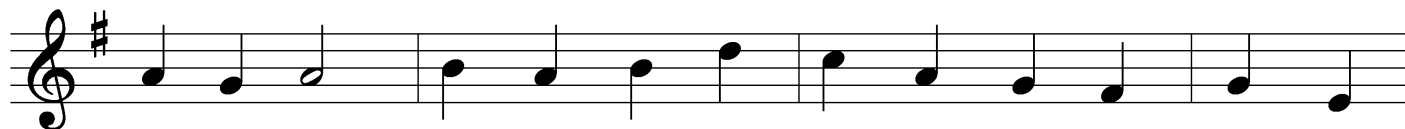
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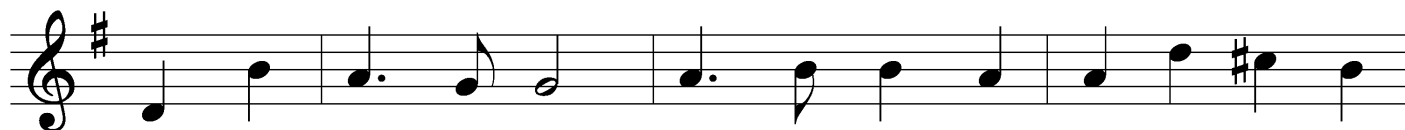
"Gloria" (Brit) - Galilean



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



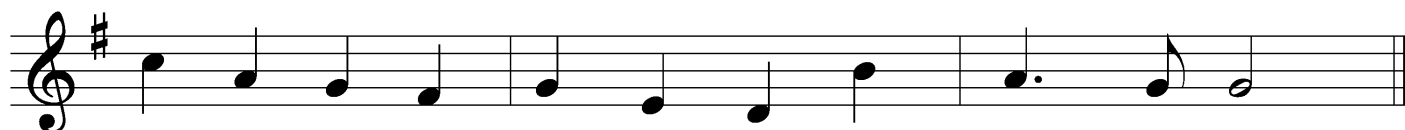
loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your disciples to proclaim your coming. Bless all the missions of your church, and enable your workers to gather in your harvest. Through them, show your love to the helpless, enlighten those in darkness, assist those in peril and need, and at last bring all your children home to yourself; you live and reign, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their
evil ways, he 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 8B

"O God, Our Sovereign God"



1 O God, our sov - 'reign God, how glo - rious is your name!
2 A - mid the daunt - ing heav'ns, the works your hands have made:
3 Yet you have giv - en us such near - an - gel - ic pow'rs



Through all the earth re - sounds the praise the heav'ns pro - claim.
the count-less stars, the moon that leads their bright pa - rade,
and trust - ed to our way - ward care this world of ours:



Your praise on in - fant lips will prove a po - tent shield
why do mere mor - tals rate your no - tice or your care?
things tin - y to im - mense, all crea - tures, wild and tame.



a - gainst the slan - der of your foes or lies they wield.
How can it mat - ter in your sight that we are there?
O God, our sov - 'reign God, we praise your glo - rious name!

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Children's Message

Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3, 16–18

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:8



Refrain



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

M: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who bring salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

C: *Refrain*

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were
harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his
disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the
harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

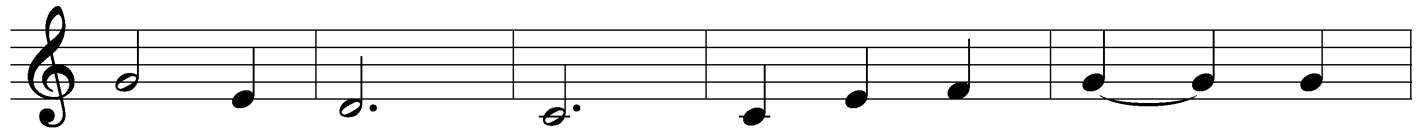
Be seated.

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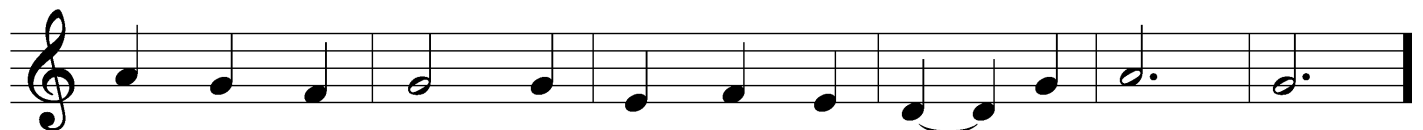
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with

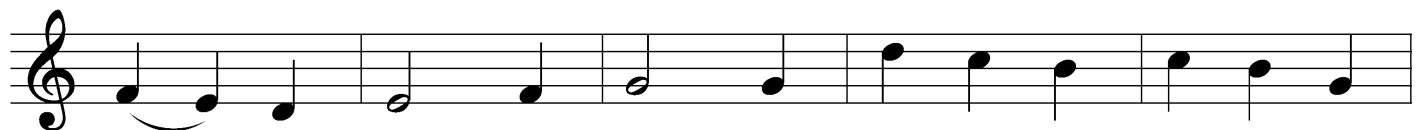


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Sermon

“See God’s Love”

- 1. Lavished on Us, God’s Family*
- 2. Shown in Our Actions and Truth*

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

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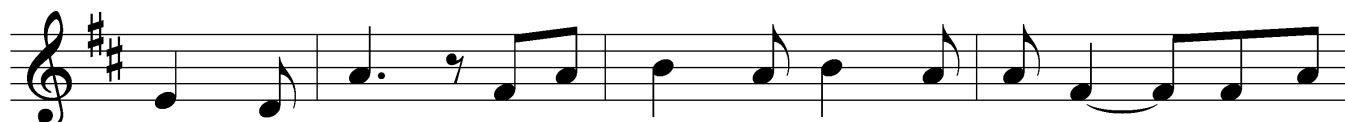
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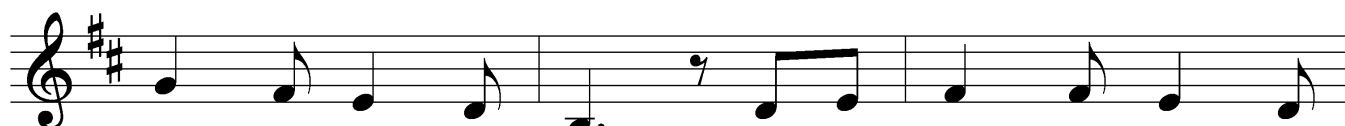
"Across the Lands"



1 You're the Word of God the Fa - ther from be - fore the
 2 Yet you left the gaze of an - gels, came to seek and
 3 With a shout you rose vic - to - rious, wrest-ling vic - t'ry



world be - gan. Ev-'ry star and ev - 'ry plan-et has been
 save the lost, and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the
 from the grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav-en, lead-ing



fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -
 an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the
 cap - tives in your way. Now you stand be - fore the



geth - er by the pow - er of your voice. Let the skies de -
 hun-gry, with a word you calmed the sea, yet how si - lent-
 Fa - ther, in - ter - ced - ing for your own; from each tribe and

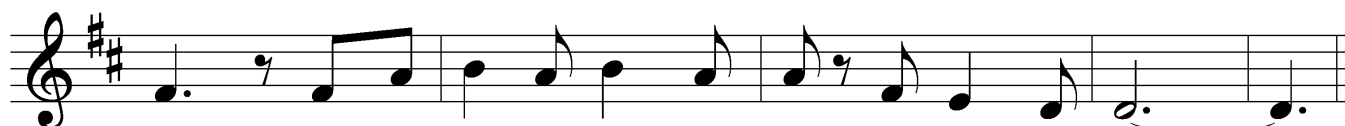


clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re - joice!
 ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go free!
 tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners home!

Refrain



You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry



man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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Prayer of the Church

- M: Father in heaven, you make human beings to be the crown of your creation. We are all your children, but we are all unique. You form us by your power, but in your wisdom you make us different from one another. You give us our bodies; you bestow our intelligence; you provide our family and home; you place us in your world according to your wisdom and will.
- C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us what we are and put us where we live.**
- M: As we share the bond of humanity, Lord, so we share the curse of sin. We confess that we are not better than our ancestors or contemporaries. Our iniquities are not less than theirs, and their fate is rightly ours. We deserve the common destiny of hell in payment for the sin we inherit and the sins we commit.
- C: We implore you, Lord, to put aside your anger and free us from the punishment we deserve.**
- M: You sent the Son you loved. He came in a body like ours. He ate as we eat, slept as we sleep, wept as we weep, and died as we die. But he did not sin as we sin. You accepted his perfect life and innocent death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and, when he died, you raised him to life as the assurance that you have justified us forever.
- C: We adore you, Lord! You have forgiven our sins and restored us as your children.**
- M: We are all members of your human family, O Father, but now, by the power of the gospel and the working of your Spirit, you have made us members of your spiritual family. We who are different are now one in Christ. We who come from many nations and many cultures are joined in one fellowship, one communion, one holy Church.
- C: We rejoice, O Lord, in the Savior we share, in the culture of the Church, and in the hope of eternal life.**
- M: Help us face the truth that we do not always rejoice in our unity as we know we should. Too often we are unwilling to walk on the path our brothers and sisters walk. We are impatient with their perspectives, taken up with our own traditions, and insensitive to their dreams and fears. Sometimes unwittingly, but sometimes willingly, we think, speak, and act from bigotry and prejudice.
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for our supposed superiority, our insensitivity, and our failure to love all your children.**
- M: We remember, O Father, all those who dreamed and labored to achieve a better life for all. Empower us that we may dream and labor, too, and that we may do it reflecting your love. As servants of Christ, lead us to proclaim the truth that sets all people free from the guilt and control of sin. As citizens of this nation, lead us to live the principle that all people are equal under our nation's laws. Help us to be lights for the gospel, but also make us lights that expose racism and show the way to compassion and tolerance.
- C: Give power to your gospel, Lord, and give freedom to our land.**

M: Give wisdom and patience to the medical communities that serve the diseased, the wounded, and the disturbed. Grant treatment and healing according to your will.
[Hear our special prayers for...] Pour out your compassion on all the hurting in our society.

C: Move us to help our brothers and sisters in need.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: We walk together on one road, eternal Father, the road that leads to life with your Son. Let him walk with us now, we pray. Give us his life to imitate, his love to share, his passion to heal, and his power to succeed. When this life ends, bring us to the place where we will be free at last and sing his praises in the eternal language of heaven.

C: May all the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

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.**

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.

Hymn #746 sts.1-3

"I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 The Sav - ior of all peo - ple has brought his peace to you;
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 now go and tell the sto - ry, for oth - ers need it too.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
 To ev - 'ry land and na - tion ring out the gos - pel call;
 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 pro - claim that Christ is ris - en and grants his peace to all.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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We thank Pastor David Bostedt for preaching for worship this week.

Pastor Krueger is preaching at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jenera this morning.

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).

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, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
	Monday	
	Tuesday	Elders, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Friday	
	Saturday	
	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 – 8:00 PM

Bible Study

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	People in David's Life	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****10/4**8AM
10:30AMVolunteer
Pam W.Volunteer
Jan S.**10/11**8AM
10:30AMVolunteer
Diane L.Volunteer
Tim P.**10/18**8AM
10:30AMVolunteer
Brad & Sarah S.Volunteer
Anna R.**10/25**8AM
10:30AMVolunteer
Laura & Mike B.Volunteer
Denny & Sharon P.**October 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.

Trunk or Treat

Is next Sunday, October 11, 1:00-2:30 PM. Mark your calendar, and plan to attend or help out! We would like to have at least 20 car trunks participating. We will have the train and bouncy house again, as well as popcorn and a photo area. Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks.



Pastor Dave began his ministerial career at the then dual parishes of Fort Morgan and Hillros, CO. He accepted a 3 month call to allow the congregations to explore starting a mission congregation in Sterling. It was a different time in our synod when Dave's graduating seminary class of 52 assigned only 25 on Call Day 1987. Yet God had a plan for Dave's three month call: to meet Jo, become engaged, and share a life in service to the Lord. Jo was a Lutheran Elementary School teacher for 10 years before marriage. She taught in Neillsville, WI, Greenville, WI, and Longmont, CO.

They have crisscrossed the country in various types of ministry. They were in a tent ministry for a year in McCook, Nebraska. Dave then went back to the Assignment Committee for placement in a rural congregation in Elmwood, WI. They then accepted a call to Zephyrhills, FL to explore outreach to local Floridians and not just serve snowbirds from the North. Dave and Jo then crossed the country to serve a multicultural congregation and school in Torrance, in the greater LA area. It was their plan to retire there. God's plan was different, calling them to the first and oldest WELS World Mission at East Fork on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Dave and Jo served the Apache for 8 years at the congregations of East Fork and Canyon Day. They also worked closely with East Fork Lutheran School teaching, substituting, and advocating for the students.

Dave has now retired after 38 years of full-time ministry. Jo has retired from serving as organist, pianist, and accompanist after 50+ years. They have relocated to Colorado Springs. They have become very active members at Foundation Lutheran Church in Falcon, which recently moved into their first physical church building. Dave has begun helping pastors in the state with vacation preaching and speaking about his love for the Apache mission. He and Jo are also open to doing short-term or long-term vacancies across the synod as needed.

