

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 23*



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Children's Message

"What's Important?"

Opening Hymn #633 sts.1,3

"Speak, O Lord"

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your
fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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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.**

Hymn of Praise #1015

“Gloria (Brit) – AURELIA”

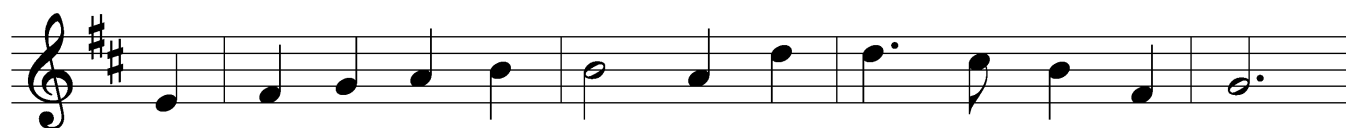
Tune: AURELIA



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have commanded us to love you above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in your sight, that our faith in you may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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 4:1-16

¹Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." ²Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. ¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. ¹⁴Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

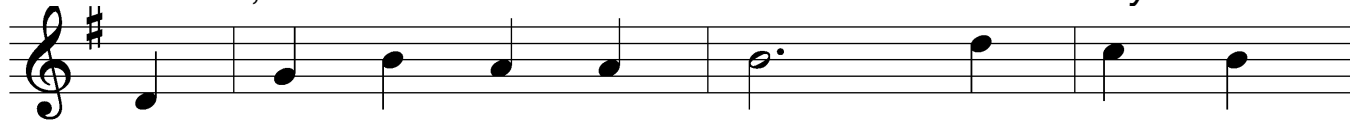
¹⁵But the LORD said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. ¹⁶So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm #1B sts. 1-3,6

"How Truly Blest Are They"



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the
2 But make the law of God their stud - y
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters
6 God knows and he ap - proves the way the



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
right - eous go, but sin - ners and their



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
works shall meet a dread - ful o - ver - throw.

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Second Reading

2 John 1-6

¹The elder,

To the lady chosen by God and to her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth—²because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:

³Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

⁴It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23



Refrain



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.
My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴²“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

⁴⁴“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.” ’

⁴⁵If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

(NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

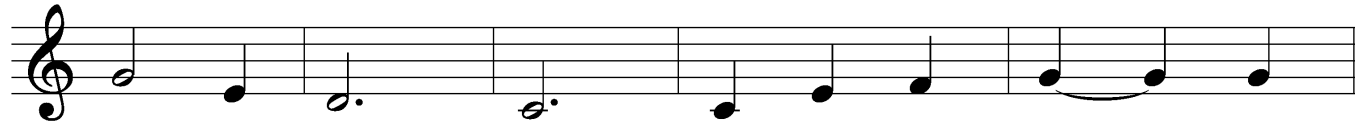
Be seated.

Hymn #713

"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

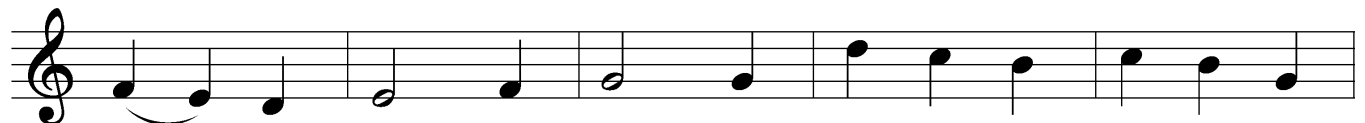


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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 Text

Genesis 4:1-16

Sermon

"God's Grace on Cain and Abel"

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.

Choir Anthem (*late service*)

"Lord, I Believe"

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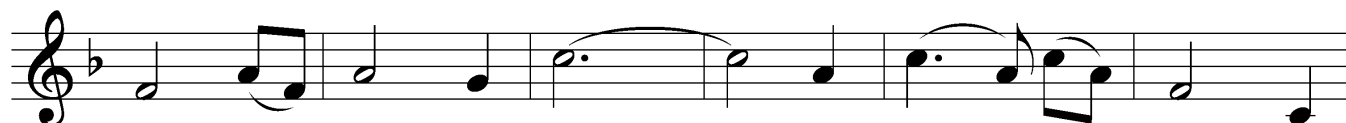
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Hymn #576

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

M: Guard and guide the families of our congregation and preschool. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

M: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . .] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

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 #731

"Oh, How Good It Is"



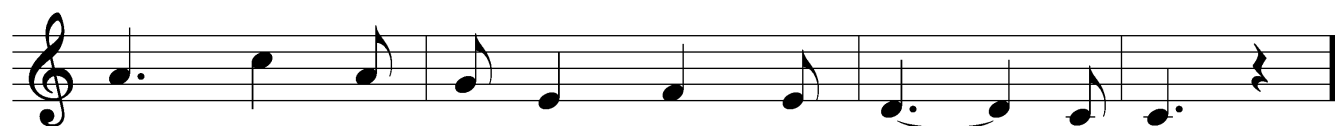
1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the



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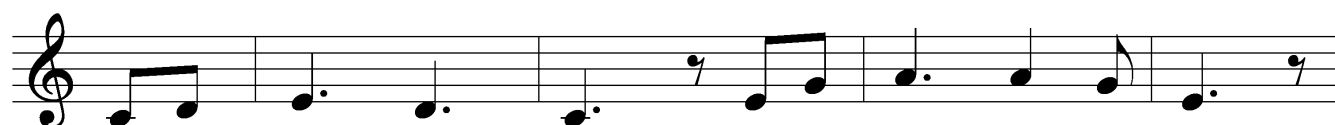
Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

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Preschool Open House and Luncheon

Is after late service in the education wing. Thank you to the preschool students and parents for coming today and allowing the children to sing praises to God during our worship service.

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, reach out to Bethany Green (419-721-8563).

The Area Reformation Service –Today!

Area WELS and ELS churches will hold a Reformation Service at Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green today at 4:00 PM. **Abiding Word, 17202 Mercer Rd, Bowling Green**

Toledo Opera at Trinity School

Everyone is invited to a presentation of The Three Little Pigs by Toledo Opera at Trinity School on Friday, November 6th, at 2:00. The classic story is retold for children with music from Mozart's operas, performed by the Resident Artists of Toledo Opera, including Tim Krueger. Invite your friends!

Women are invited to Trinity in Jenera!

Trinity's Women's Ministry is hosting a Sampler Supper and Bible study in their church basement on Sunday, November 8 at 5:00. Ladies will have the chance to sample various drinks, appetizers, salads, and desserts throughout the evening. You can take home recipes from the ones you like! Our Bible study will look at "Finding Strength in Desperate Times" by studying Deborah from the book of Judges. Please email Jenny Boehm at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or text/call [\(262\) 391-7994](tel:2623917994) if you would like to join us.

Young Adults (age 18-30+)

You are invited to a meal, Bible discussion and games led by Vicar Reinke, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 5:30 pm at Immanuel Church. Invite your friends!

Vicar Fund

Our Vicar Fund pays for the work of our vicar and the training we give him. If you can contribute, mark an extra offering for Vicar Fund.

Bible Classes

Our Wednesday Bible class will do a study of 2 & 3 John on November 4. Our Thursday Zoom Bible class is studying God's Word. Join us as we apply the Bible to our lives!

Bible Study

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	People in David's Life	9:20 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Class	2 & 3 John	10 AM
<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	God's Word	7 PM

November

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors	November Ushers
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8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer	8:00 Don L., Nate W.
10:30	Kay M.	Deana H.	10:30 Sam P., Denny P.
11/8			
8:00	Bob H.	Volunteer	
10:30	Helen R.	Jim & Jamie T.	

Calendar	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM <i>*Preschool sings at late service</i> Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM <i>Preschool Open House, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM</i> Area Reformation Service, 4:00PM @ Abiding Word, Bowling Green Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM Education Board, 3:15 PM Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM Evangelism Board, 5:30 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Young Adults meet at church, 5:30 PM
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 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.