

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**  
Hear, everyone who thirsts;  
    come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that  
    which is not bread  
    and your earnings for that which does  
    not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting  
    covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>Now you shall call nations that you do  
    not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall  
    run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy  
    One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

**Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21**

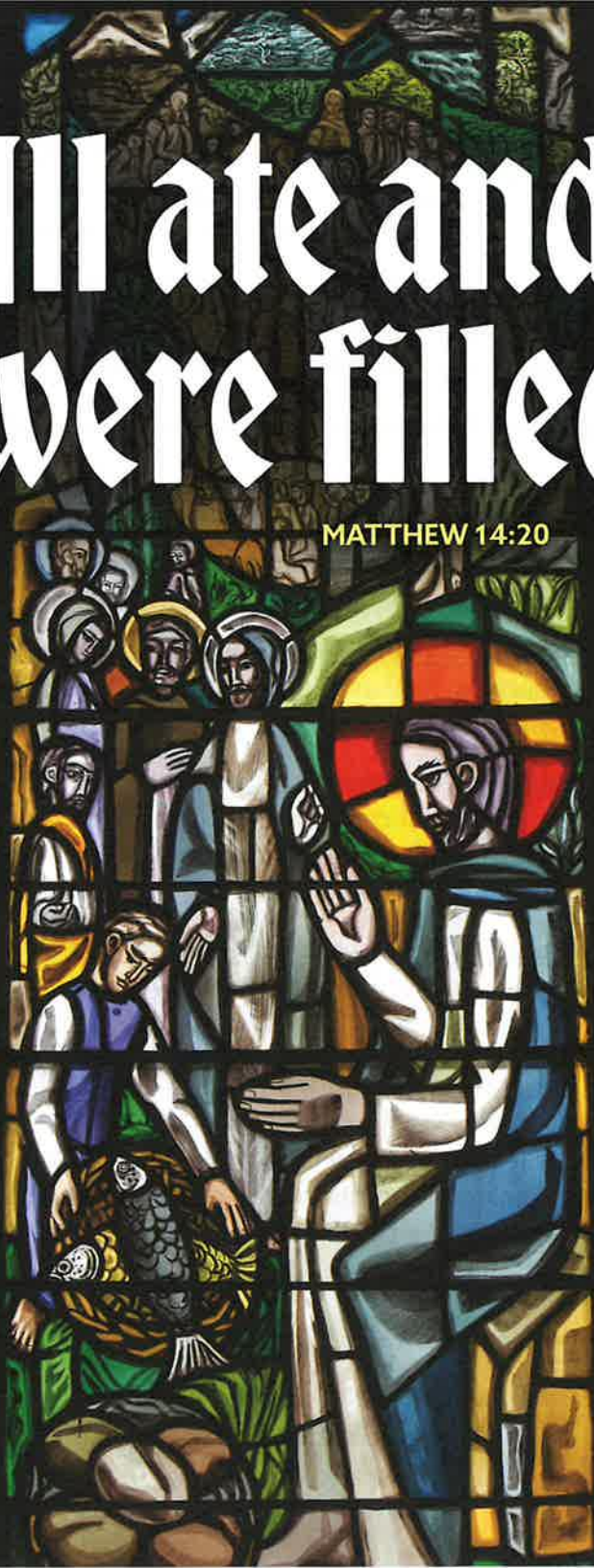
**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**  
I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not  
lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy  
Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing  
anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off from Christ  
for the sake of my own brothers and sisters,  
my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites,  
and to them belong the adoption, the glory,  
the covenants, the giving of the law, the wor-  
ship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the  
patriarchs, and from them, according to the  
flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God  
blessed forever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**  
Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading  
of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there  
in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But  
when the crowds heard it, they followed him  
on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went  
ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had  
compassion for them and cured their sick.  
<sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to  
him and said, “This is a deserted place, and  
the hour is now late; send the crowds away  
so that they may go into the villages and buy  
food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them,  
“They need not go away; you give them  
something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have  
nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”  
<sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.”  
<sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down  
on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the  
two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed  
and broke the loaves and gave them to the  
disciples, and the disciples gave them to the  
crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled, and  
they took up what was left over of the broken  
pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who  
ate were about five thousand men, besides  
women and children.

# All ate and were filled

MATTHEW 14:20



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.*

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** - Greetings and welcome to all! Families and friends, visitors from far and near are all welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us join with hearts and hands, bodies and spirits in worshipping the Creator of us all - with rejoicing!

**Prayer before Worship:** Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we belong to you. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.** Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper,** the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered (on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month). ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to [ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com) or [immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com)

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Fellowship

## Sunday, August 2, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES  
Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil  
Greeters: Harlan B., Sharon Hardesty  
Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck  
Communion: John & Cindy Harris  
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

## Sunday, August 9, 2026

**10:00 am under the Pavilion in Colfax**  
WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES  
Lay Reader: Jerry Kukuck  
Greeters: Immanuel Volunteers  
Ushers/Acolytes: Immanuel Volunteers  
Communion: na  
Musician: Pastor Michael

### **Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett (*Cindy Wilson's mom has been slowly recovering from multiple hip surgeries and pneumonia this year. We all thank you for prayers.*)

## *Announcements*

**Next Sunday, August 9 – Please join us for worship at the Pavilion** in downtown Colfax for Community Worship at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at the American Legion Hall following the service. **We will not have a service at Immanuel on that day.**

**Saturday, August 8 – 10:00 am Colfax Parade on Main Street.** Immanuel will be participating in the Good Ole' Days parade. We will be looking for adults and children to walk or ride with us again. Watch our Facebook page for lineup time and place.

**It's almost back-to-school time!** We are trying to fill **20 school kits** for Lutheran World Relief this fall. Items needed include **spiral notebooks** (70-80 sheets each, college or wide ruled), **30 cm rulers** (inches on one side is good too!), **handheld pencil sharpeners**, **unsharpened pencils**, **blue or black pens**, and **crayon boxes** (16 or 24 crayons each). Please bring items to church by August 16th for kits to be completed. If you have any questions, reach out to Angie Kratochvil. Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed clothing and other items to the Ridgeview School.

**LWR Quilting - We will be knotting quilts on Tuesdays, August 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30 p.m.** Newcomers are welcome to enjoy some conversation and help others in need at the same time! Questions, see Dee Winterland.



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Church



**COLFAX  
COMMUNITY**

*Worship  
Service*

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 10AM**

Join us for worship at 10AM at the pavilion on main street. Lunch will be provided by Immanuel at the VFW following the service. Bring your lawn chairs!



Pastor  
**MICHAEL JONES**

## *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 2, 2026

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Gathering ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able*

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father,  $\dagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated*

GATHERING SONG

***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts***

ELW 658

GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Congregation may be seated.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**Come to the Water**

Pastor Michael

*Word ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

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God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

## READING

Romans 9:1-5

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This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

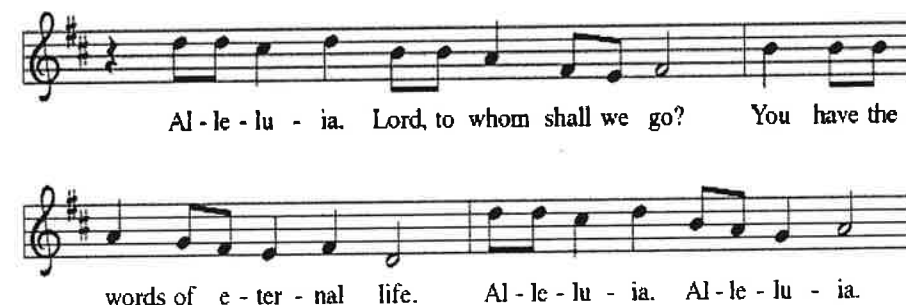
After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

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*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Michael Jones

HYMN OF DAY

***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***

ELW 712

*\* Please stand as you are able*

\*APOSTLE’S CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*After each petition:* P: Merciful God, C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

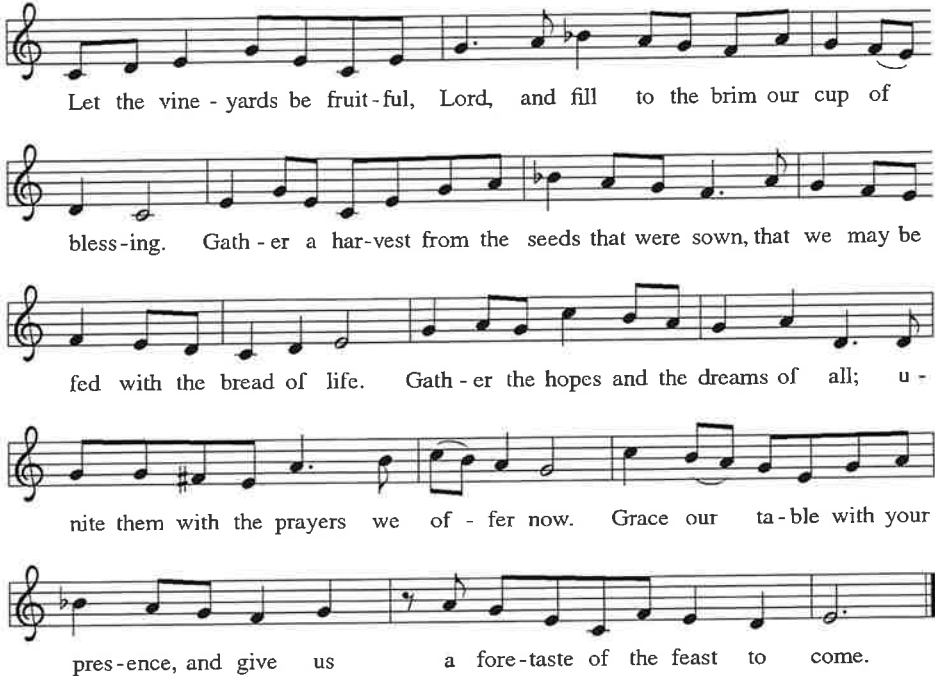
*The Congregation may be seated.*

*Meal ~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Loving God,

C: **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

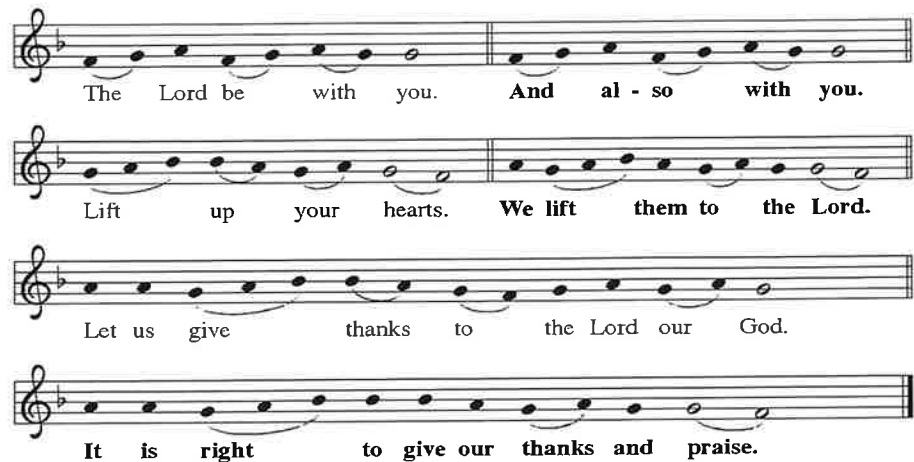
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

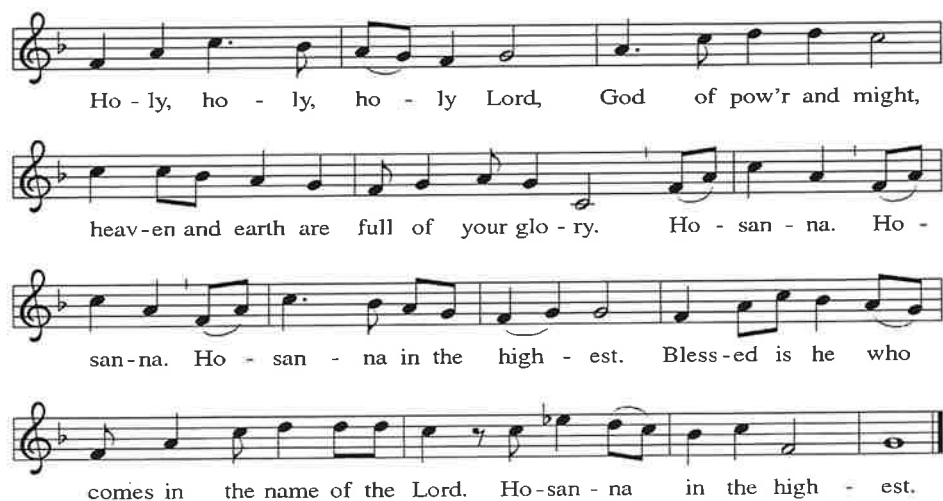
P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*Congregation may be seated.*

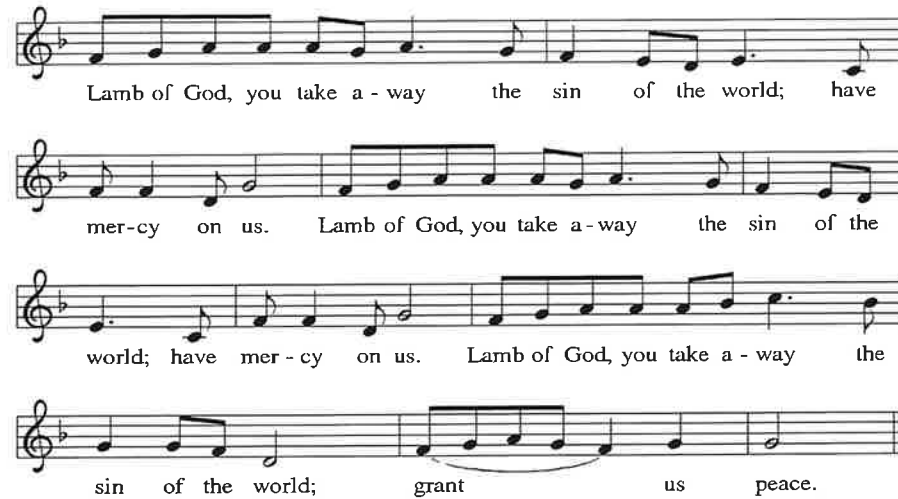
## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing today. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Lamb of God*

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HYMNS

***Break Now the Bread of Life***  
***Praise and Thanksgiving***

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*After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray... Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the  
abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may  
share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name  
of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

*Sending ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today  
and always. **C: Amen.**

HYMN

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***

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DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



**FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY**

*2025 Central, Southern, Illinois Synod Days*

**Northeast Conference**

- Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, 210 North Deerfield Road, Pontiac
- *Registration closes Aug. 24*

**Each synod day includes:**

- Cross-generational worship
- Activities for children and families
- Shared meal
- State of the synod video
- Q&A with the synod staff
- Mission moments from each conference
- Four "Spirit Labs" workshop options (each person will choose two)

**Spirit Lab workshops**

**The Foolishness of Trying to Save Your Church: Letting Go So We Can Go!**

Led by Bishop Greg Busboom

**Jesus Journeys and Faithful Field Trips**

Led by Deacon Jason Fisher, Director for Evangelical Mission

**Body Building with Love: Tools for Adaptability**

Led by Pastor Kristen Schmid, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Communities

**Here I Am, Send Me!: A Vocational Workshop**

Led by Pastor Amy Ziettlow, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership

**Registration**

The cost is \$10 per adult (18 and over), \$5 for youth (3-17), and free for children under 3,  
capped at a total of \$25 per family. Registration is open now at [CSIS-ELCA.org/synoddays26](https://CSIS-ELCA.org/synoddays26).

If your schedule conflicts with your conference's Synod Day, you are welcome to attend another  
conference's day.

Synod Days are open to ALL in our synod, not just those who participated in the Synod  
Assembly.