

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7
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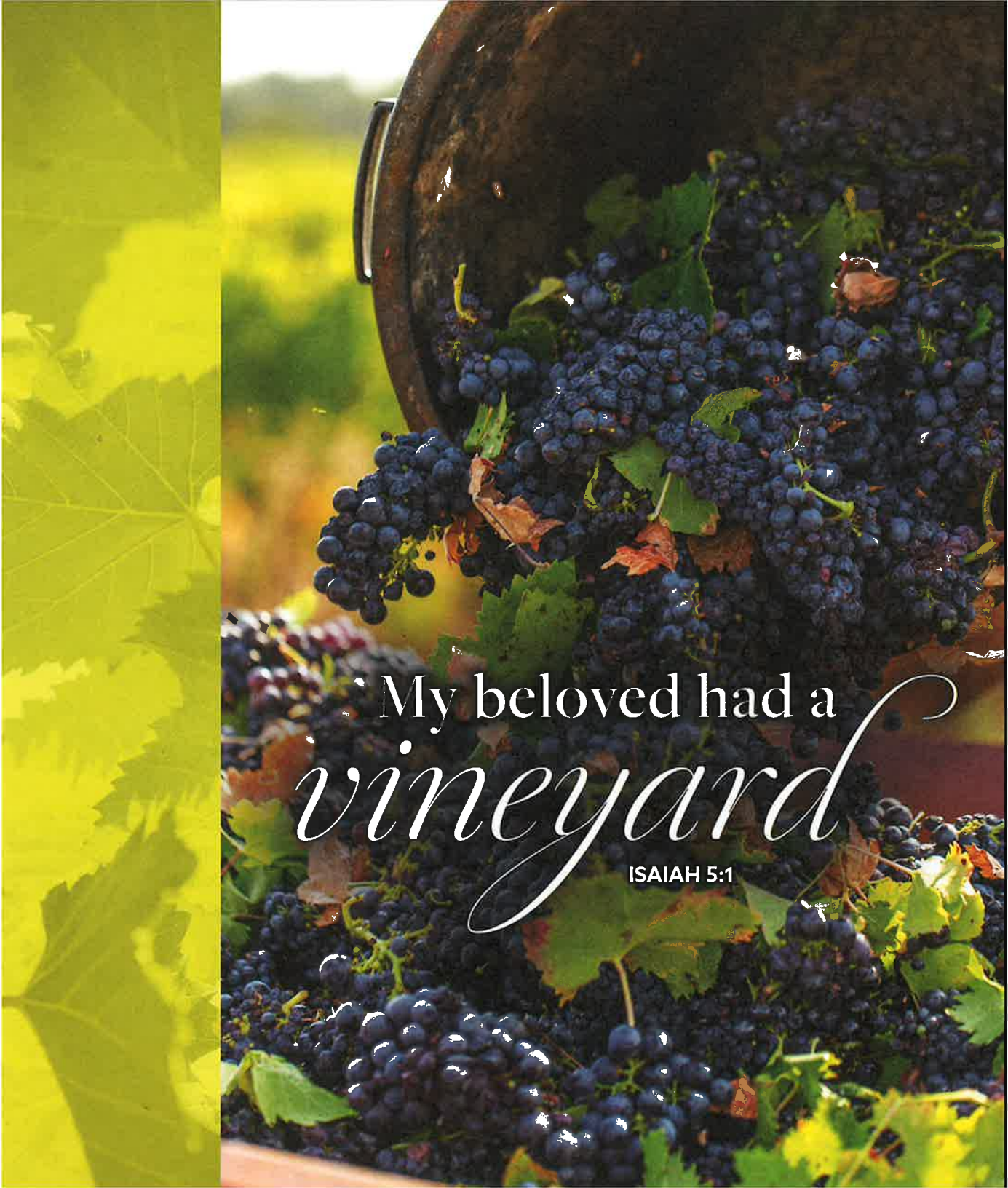
Psalm 80:7-15

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14
[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46
[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”
⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?
⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”
⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



My beloved had a
vineyard
ISAIAH 5:1

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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 - With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 1st and 3rd Sundays 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 or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, October 4, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER MARCIA BUCHS
Lay Reader: Lisa Winterland
Greeters: Alan & Sabrina Petersen
Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil
Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, September 11, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Von Becker
Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen
Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck
Communion: na
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Shelby Hall, Rick & Ruth Vance, Jeri Vance Crawley

Announcements

Please join us here next Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 pm for a Fall Potluck and Bonfire!

The evening will be filled with fellowship, food, laughter, and the beauty of the season. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and roasting sticks. Meat, table service & S'mores supplies will be provided. If you have any appropriate games for activities, please contact Eli Petersen.

Lutheran World Relief Projects Wrap Up

On Sunday, October 25, Immanuel will bless the quilts and kits made this year for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) before they are shipped at the end of the month. A free will offering will be collected on Sundays October 18th and 25th to pay for shipping, storage and delivery of our gifts. Shipping costs have risen, and it will cost over \$300 to ship our projects. In addition, collected funds will be used to purchase school kit bags made by members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Stay tuned for updates on our final count of projects!

Thank you for all your donations of supplies, money, sewing skills, time and prayers, which enable us to show God's love to our neighbors around the world.

Volunteer sign-up sheets for Lay Readers, Greeters, Usher/Acolytes, and Communion Assistants can be found on the small lectern at the back of the church. Please add your name if you are able to assist with our worship services or remove your name if you are no longer available. Thank you to everyone for your service.

Attention Readers: A large print bulletin will be available on the lectern each week for easier reading, but sorry, we still can't make some of the names easier to pronounce.

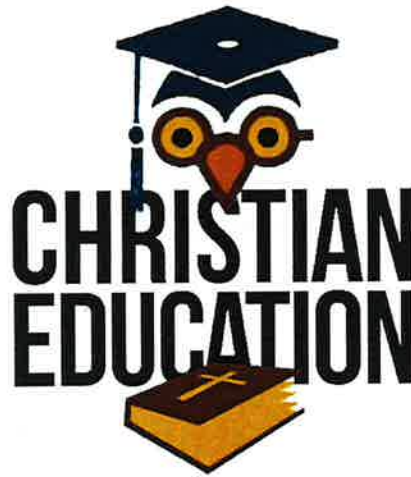
19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, October 11 at 10:15 am

Letters have been mailed to parents of current and new Confirmation students. The class will consist of students who met last year and is now open to students in grade 6 through high school. They will meet every other week beginning October 11 at 10:15 am for approximately 90 minutes.

Our current roster of Confirmation students includes **Blake Harris, Ty Mosier, Holden Myers, Levi Wilson, Kenedee Casson**. If you are aware of someone not included at this time, please contact Pastor Michael, Erin Ifft, or Cindy Wilson as soon as possible. Catechism Books will be provided for each student.



Bible Study will begin Sunday, October 18 at 10:15 am

On the weeks that there is no Confirmation Class, an "Adult" Bible Study Class will meet to discuss topics that you help choose concerning our religion and our faith, beginning with the Holy Trinity. The class is open to anyone who wants to participate – not just "Adults" who would like to learn more about our faith and teachings through the Bible and Catechism. Pastor Michael will lead this class every other Sunday, beginning October 18.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated

GATHERING SONG

For the Fruit of All Creation

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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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated

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

READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

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The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;

he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

PSALM

Psalm 80:7-15

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees
by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field
have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

Behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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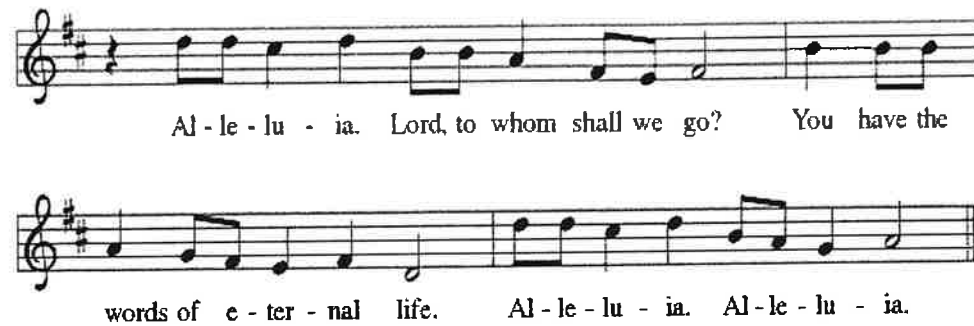
Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Minister Marcia Buchs

HYMN OF DAY

You Servants of God

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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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

After each petition: P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

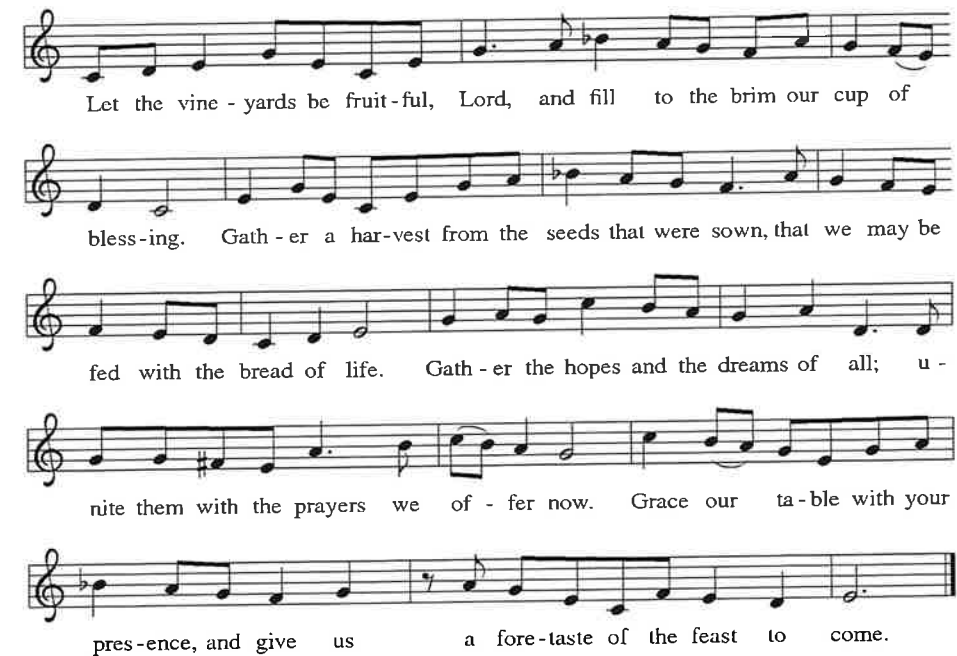
The Congregation may be seated.

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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*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Loving God,

C: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

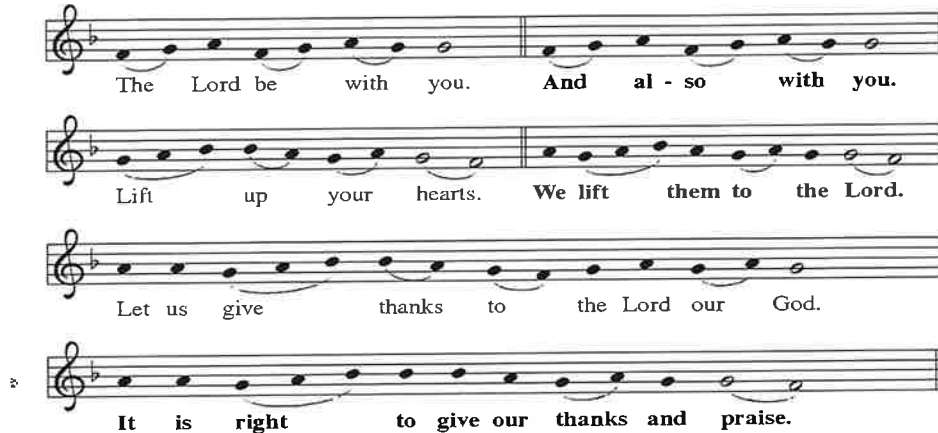
P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

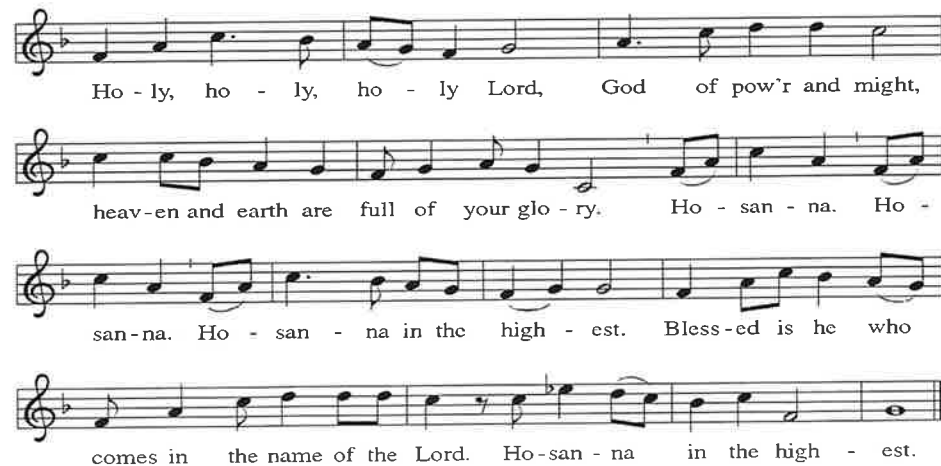
P: Let us share that peace with one another.

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: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Congregation may be seated.

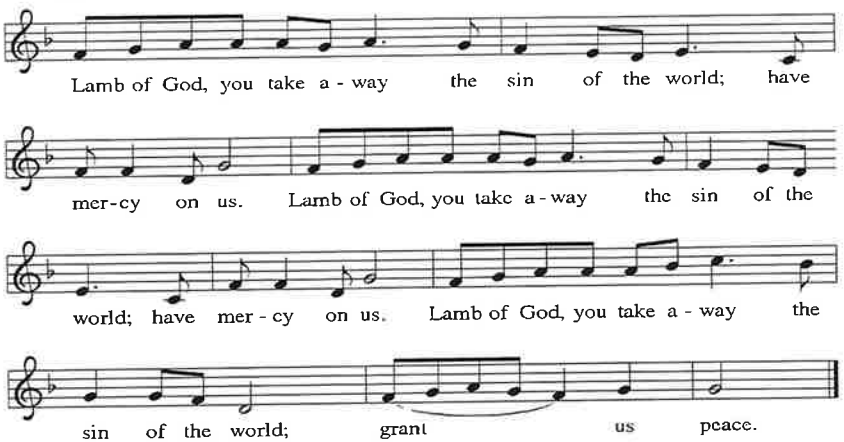
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

HYMNS

As the Grains of Wheat
Let Us Break Bread Together

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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...

**C: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and
abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way
of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ
Jesus. **Amen.**
P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the
interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

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DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Fall Potluck & Bonfire

Join us for an evening of fellowship
filled with food, laughter, and the
beauty of the season. Please bring a
dish to pass, lawn chairs & roasting
sticks. Meat, table service & s'more
supplies will be provided.

Food - Music - Activities

OCTOBER

SUNDAY

11

AT 5 : 00 PM

@ IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH



The church will provide hotdogs and buns.
Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs.
If you have any yard games you could provide or
activities for the younger kids that would be appreciated also.