

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49:1-12

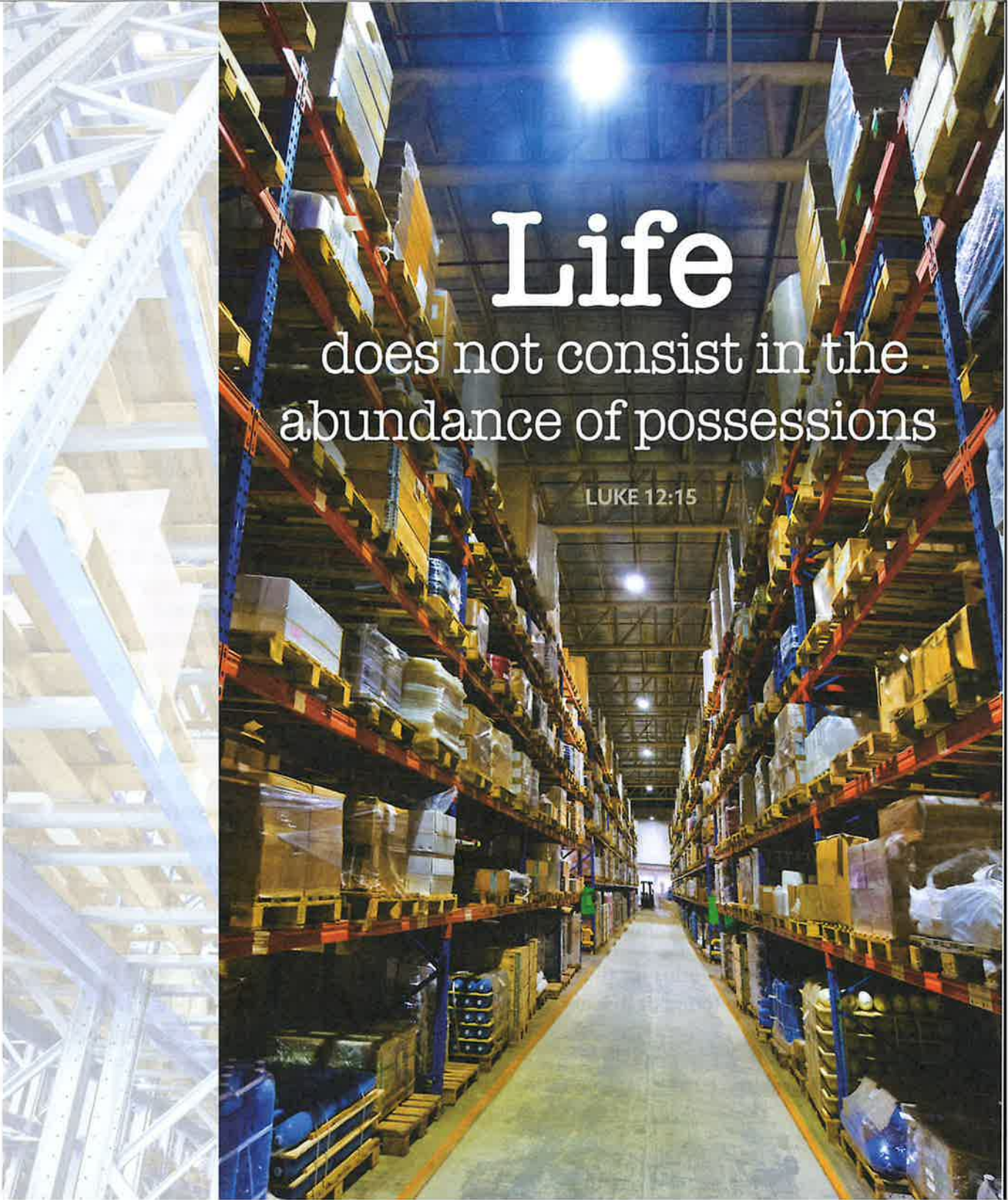
SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”



Life
does not consist in the
abundance of possessions

LUKE 12:15

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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 - We are delighted to have everyone worshipping with us today. We invite you to sign a communion card, if you would please, so that we might have a registry of those sharing Holy Communion with us.

Prayer before Worship: Dear Lord, place your hand on my shoulder, your words in my mouth, and guide my steps to follow you. 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.

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, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. 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.

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This Week at Immanuel 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, August 3, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG

Lay Reader: Mike Petersen

Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan B., Dan Harms

Communion: John & Cindy Harris

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, August 10, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR AMY

Lay Reader: volunteers requested

Greeters:

Ushers/Acolytes:

Communion:

Guest Musicians : April & Tammy

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson
We include prayers for the family and friends of Bob Logan (Von Becker's father).

[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

From the Prayer request box-

Bryan Diemer is recovering from a farm accident in early July. Louise is asking for healing and wisdom and expertise for his doctors.

Sharon Hardesty is asking for prayers for her son Neil who just lost his wife in a car accident. Neil also has heart issues. Prayers are requested also for her friends, the Merrill's who have back problems, Afib and shoulder problems after surgery.

Announcements

Congratulations to Eli and Katelyn Petersen who welcomed their baby boy, Trent Miller to their family on Wednesday, July 23. He was also welcomed home by his big brother, Nolan.

Wanted – anyone who would be willing to share ideas, a little time and energy to help us put a float in the Colfax parade on August 9th. Please contact Eli Petersen for more information or to offer your services.

On August 9th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, the congregation is invited to celebrate with Virginia Winterland in honor of her upcoming 95th Birthday. An open house will be held at the home of Darrell Winterland, 33201 E. 1600 North Rd., Colfax.

LWR Quilts - We will be knotting quilts on Tuesdays, August 5 and August 19 from 12:30-3 pm. If you can thread a needle and tie a knot, we could use your help! Also, there is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.

The Outreach Committee extends a huge Thank You to everyone who brought clothes and school supplies!!

The Offering Collected during the Community Worship service on August 10 will be designated to the needs of the school in connection with our Outreach Clothing Drive.

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P R E S E N T S



**SUNDAY
SERVICE**
COMMUNITY WORSHIP
UNDER THE PAVILION

AUGUST 10TH

2025

9:30
AM

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE UNDER THE PAVILION ON MAIN STREET IN COLFAX ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH AT 9:30AM. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE AT THE LEGION. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

www.immanuellutherancolfax.org
Questions? Contact Eli 815-848-2155

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen. *Congregation may be seated.*

GATHERING SONG

A hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW 393

*GREETING

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.

*THE KYRIE

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 I. Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

a Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

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

READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

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The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

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

PSALM

Psalms 49:1-12

Here this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
You of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

The wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another’s life;
For the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

READING

Colossians 3:1-11

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Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God’s love in Christ.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In God’s reign, the “rich will be sent away empty.” Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one’s life with the value of one’s possessions rather than one’s relationship with God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HOMILY

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

***APOSTLES' CREED** *please stand as you are able*
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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
and pray for the needs of the world.
After each petition: P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**
P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the
name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.** *Congregation may be seated.*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS
***OFFERING SONG** *Please stand as you are able* WOV page 35

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**
P: Let us pray... Creator God,
C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we
may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

*** COMMUNION LITANY**
P: The Lord be with you. *(spoken)* **C: And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
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: WOV page 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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.

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: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.
Congregation may be seated.

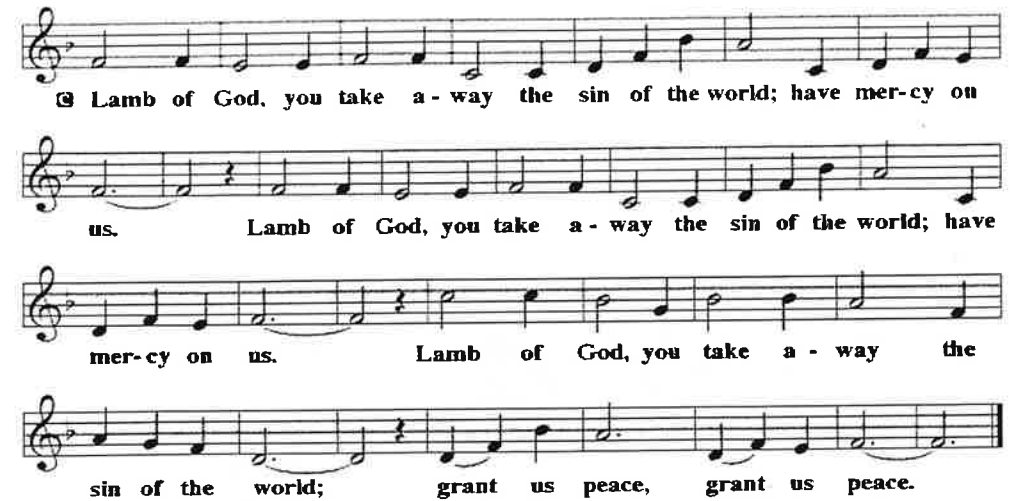
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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 needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

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HYMN

Break, Now the Bread of Life

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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... Mothering God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

*HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE