FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. [10]They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne and to the Lamb!"

[11]And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[15]For this reason they are before the throne
of God
and worship him day and night within his
temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.
[16]They will hunger no more and thirst no
more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
[17]for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given 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. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 5:18-24 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16; Psalm 70 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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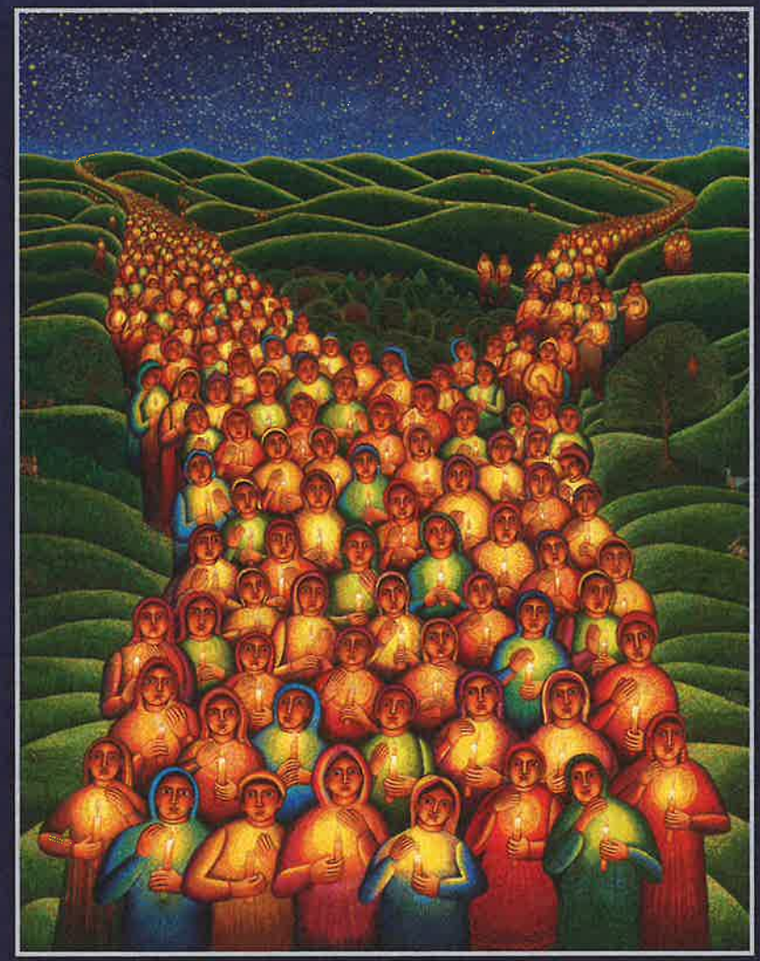
God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17



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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, November 1, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Louann Harms
Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson
Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau
Communion: Erin Ifft, Mike Petersen
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, November 8, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Karen Harms
Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen
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, Shelby Hall, Rick Vance, Jeri Vance Crawley

Announcements

All Saints Day is observed on November 1st. There is a book on the lectern at the back of the church for anyone to write names of loved ones who have died. These names will be read during the prayers on All Saints Day.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming service dates and times:
(There will be no Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.)
The Children's Christmas program will be December 20th during the worship service.
The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 4:30 pm.
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 7, 2027.

Choir will begin rehearsals for the Advent and Christmas season soon. Please see Jerry Kukuck if you would be interested in joining our choir this year.

Adopt-a-family information will be coming soon. Please consider helping community families with a gift or two in this season of giving.

The Parish Education committee is looking for children willing to participate in the Children's program on December 20th. Please contact Lexi, Rebecca, Kelsey, or Briana if you have any questions.

Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting a

YOUTH GROUP

Join us monthly for an evening of faith development and fellowship for Jr. High and High School Students



Sunday
November 15th, 2026

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

- Free Dinner
- Devotional & Worship
- Group Activities



RSVP by 11/8 or questions to:
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All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated

GATHERING SONG ***For All the Saints*** vs. 1-5 ELW **422**

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.**

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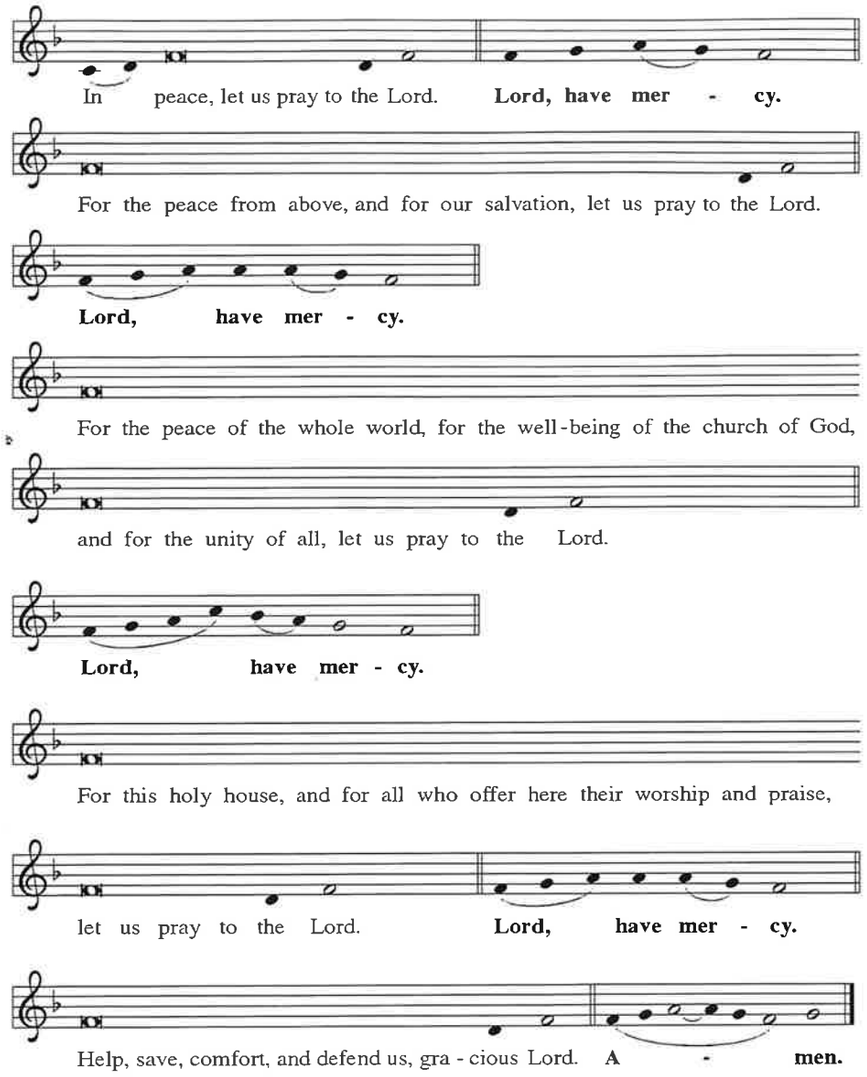

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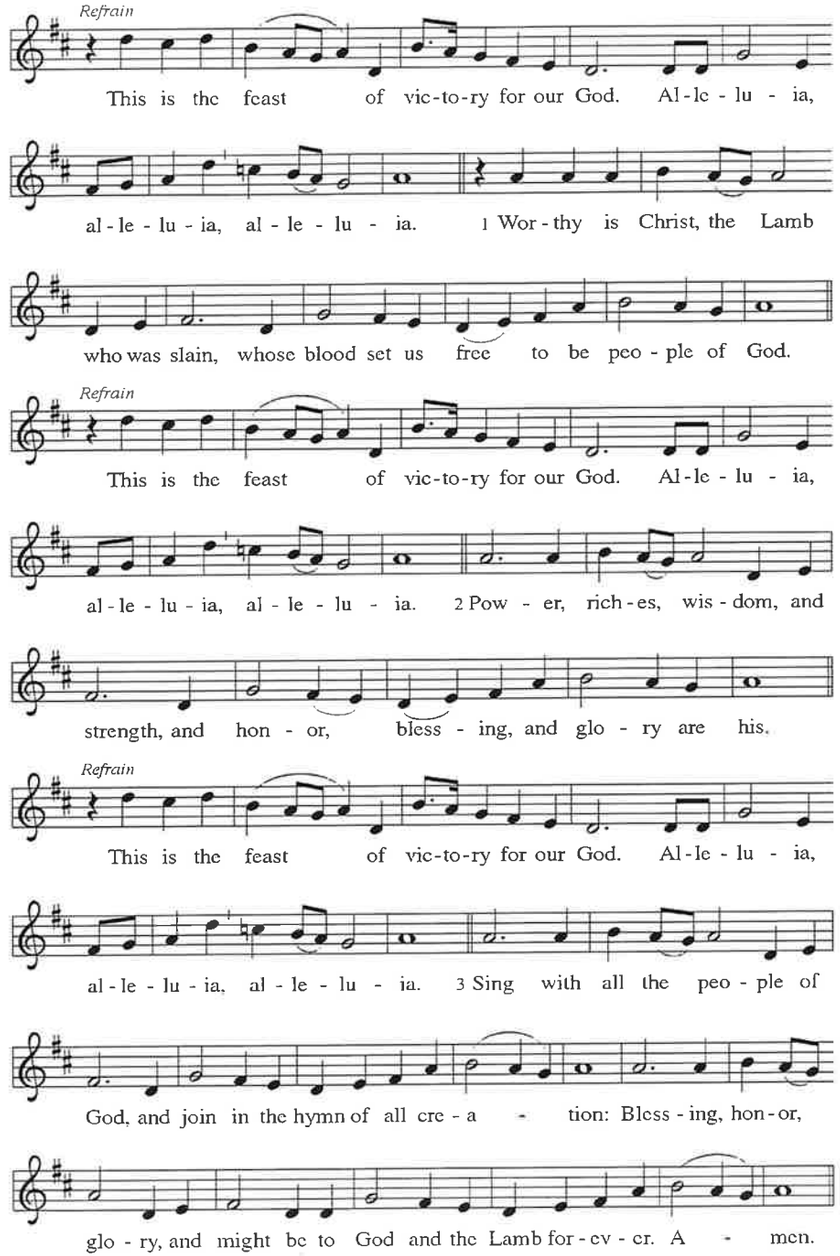
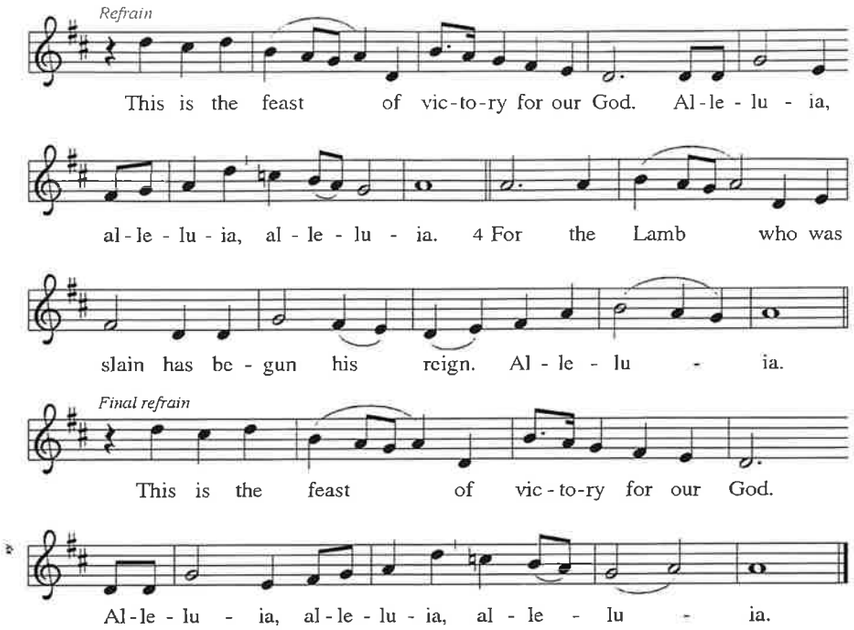




PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated*

SPECIAL MUSIC ***The Old Rugged Cross*** Pastor Michael

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

READING Revelation 7:9-17 back of bulletin

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

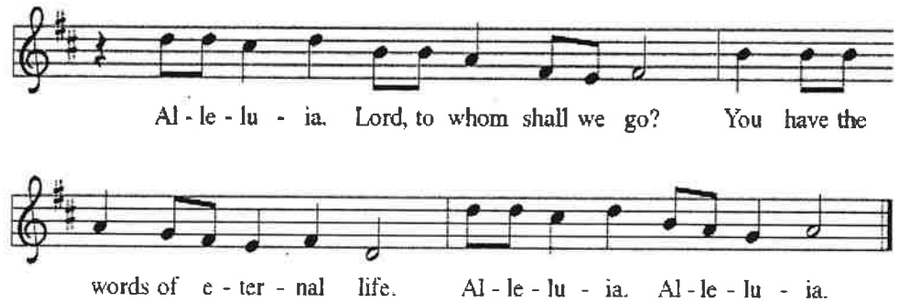
READING 1 John 3:1-3 back of bulletin

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, page 142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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 ***Blest are They*** ELW **728**

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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition: P: Go, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

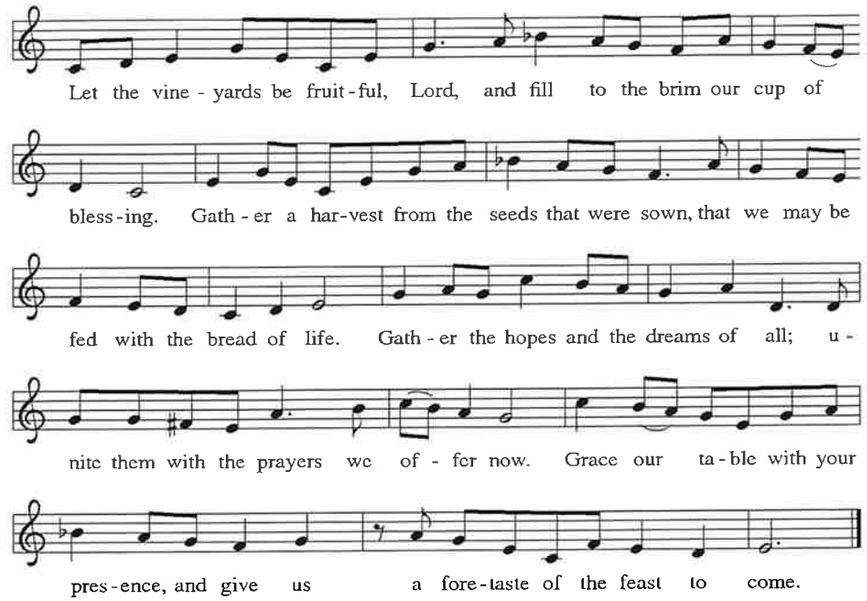
P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

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* ELW **182**



*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Eternal God,

C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

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

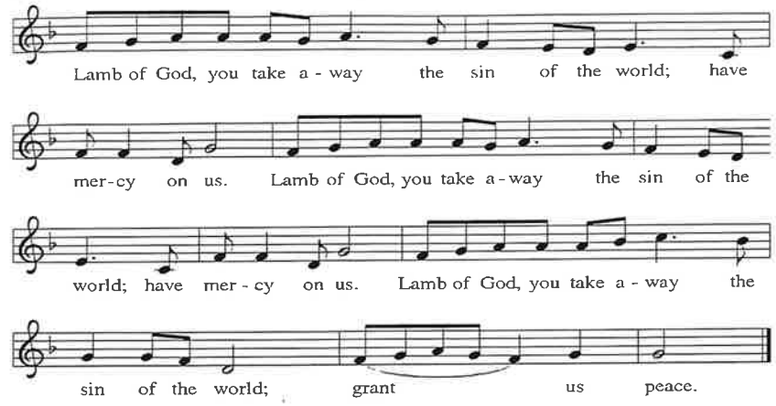
P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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*** ELW page 146



HYMNS ***Here Is Bread*** ELW **483**
Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW **733**

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: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

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

BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN ***For All the Saints*** vs. 6-7 ELW **422**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE