



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
September 23, 2018**

# Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

**We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.**

**We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

## Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free on Sunday!
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

## About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the Assembly.*

**P:** Presiding Minister   **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister   **R:** Reader   **A:** Assembly  
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

### Pre-Service Music

"Passacaglia"

Buxtehude

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**A Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Source of all life,

**A we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,  
God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

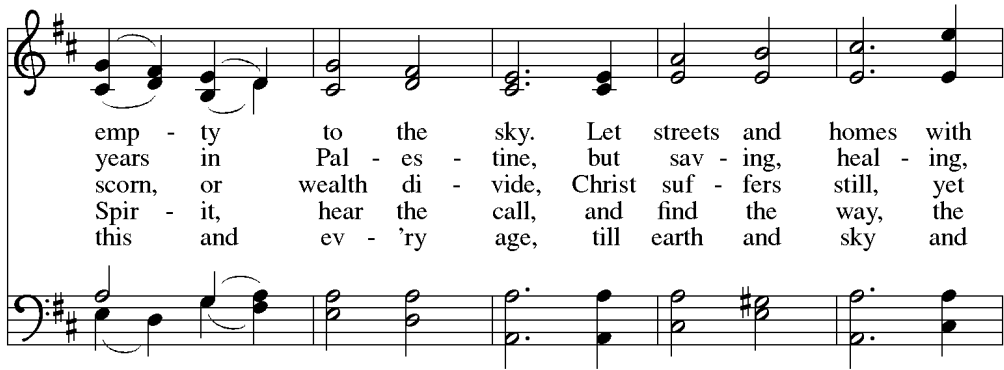
**A Amen.**

# Gathering Song

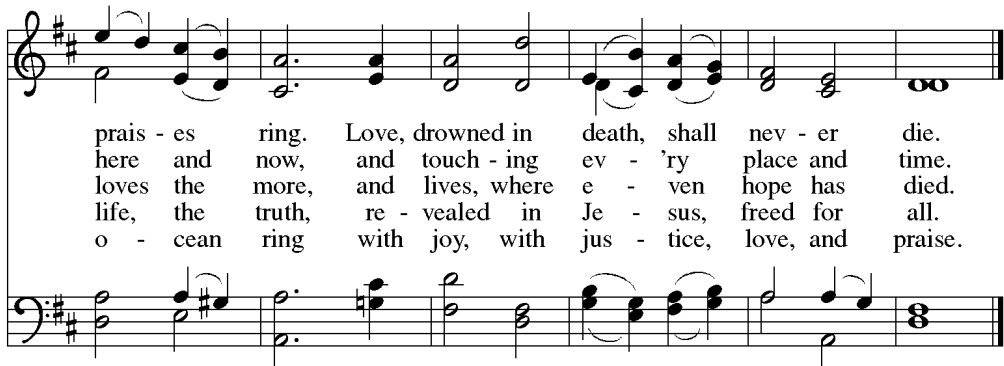
"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" Hymnal 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

A **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.**



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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.



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.



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.

## Prayer of the Day

P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

*The Assembly is seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

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

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## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

**Jeremiah 11:18–20**

R A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

R Word of God, word of life.

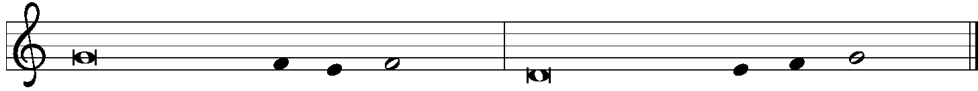
**A Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 54**

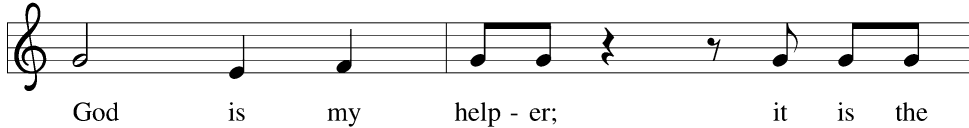
**ELW Psalm Tone 6**

*The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.  
The right side of the Assembly sings lightface verses to the tone, and the left sings boldfaced verses.  
All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."*

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



- <sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name;  
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- <sup>2</sup>**Hear my | prayer, O God;**  
**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**
- <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,  
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, God | is my helper;**  
**it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- <sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**  
**and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**
- <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. R



R A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Hymnal p. 142**

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

## Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.*

## Sermon

### Time of Silence

*A bell will chime to begin a time of silence for reflection.*

*During this time, you may want to meditate on one word or phrase from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

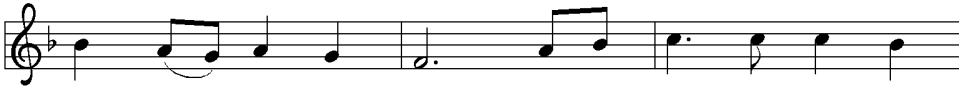
*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word.*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us; All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## The Apostles' Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 the People

L Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

L Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Wayne, our pastor, Keith, our president, Sara, our Council, and for all whom you have called here in your name. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Creative God, blue whales and honeybees sing the goodness of the earth. Glaciers and deserts declare your greatness. Make us good stewards of our home for the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Sovereign God, you raise up governments to protect the widow and orphan. Bless citizens with wisdom and discernment as they choose leaders. Inspire leaders to always seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Loving God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of racism and poverty. Break our hearts open to all those who suffer and mourn. We pray especially for Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Lynn Carson, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Judy Hokenson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Joe Skelton, John and Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in our hearts [...]. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L Welcoming God, you place children among us. Teach us to honor the children in our midst and to pay attention to what they can teach us about who you are. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.*

L Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

L You surround us with a cloud of witnesses who announce the good news of abundant life to a sad and needy world. Make us a pilgrim people, always telling the story of your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

**A hear our prayer.**

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**A Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the peace of Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

*If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.*

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

**Offering**      *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

**Offering Music**      "Little Innocent Lamb"      *arr. Marshall Bartholomew*

**Presentation of the Gifts**      "Father, We Thank You"      **Hymnal 478**

*The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward and the Table is prepared.*



1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -  
2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your  
guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,  
formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray.

**A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.**

**Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.**

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

P The Lord be with you!

**A And also with you!**

P Lift up your hearts.

**A We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

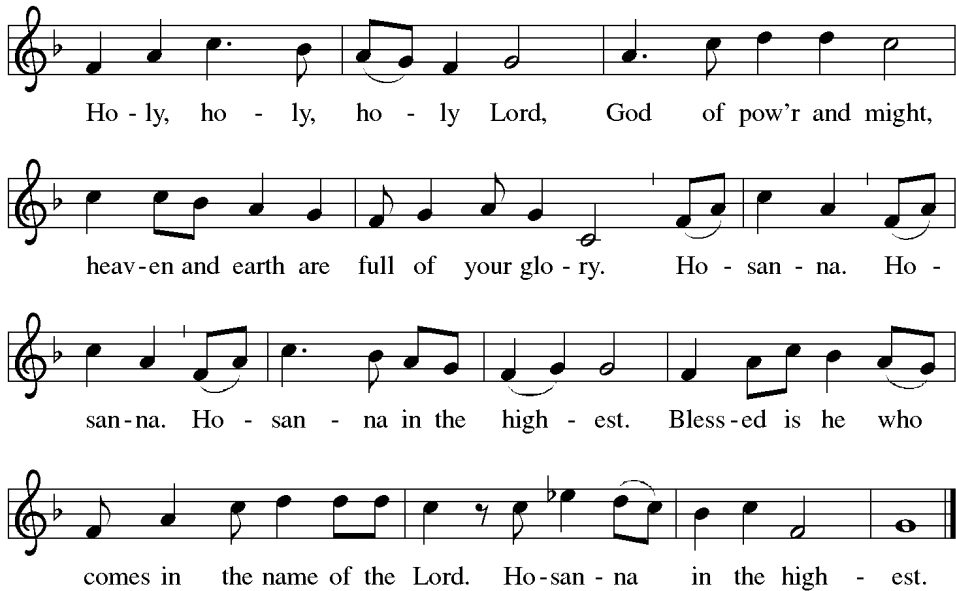
**A It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for your wisdom and humility are the source of true greatness and you draw near to all who draw near to you. You have set your word in our hearts and minds. You are the righteous judge who tries the hearts and minds of humans, but a judge who shows mercy and compassion.

In every age you have revealed your wisdom to the humble and insignificant ones and hidden it from the arrogant and violent. In your Son, Jesus, you showed us that true greatness is known in servanthood, and that the way of wisdom is found in childlike simplicity. Led like a gentle lamb to slaughter, he was crucified and suffered death, but he rose again and calls us to follow him, putting aside selfish ambitions and walking in the ways of peace, mercy, and humility.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we sing joyfully, giving thanks to you, who are both Father and Mother to us, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We join our voices with all your holy ones of all times and places. With earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon, and stars, with Michael and all the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your Name, and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful,  
 O God our rock and our salvation,  
 hear us as we praise,  
 call us to your table,  
 grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,  
 you formed order and beauty.  
 When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
 you sent them a child;  
 When the Israelites were enslaved,  
 you led them to freedom.  
 Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
 and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
 and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
 He was born among the poor,  
 he lived under oppression,  
 he wept over the city.  
 With infinite love, he granted the people your life.



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.

P Remembering his death, we cry out "Amen!"

**A Amen!**

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout "Amen!"

**A Amen!**

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead "Amen."

**A Amen.**

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,  
the life of the Father to the Son,  
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.

**A Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**A 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

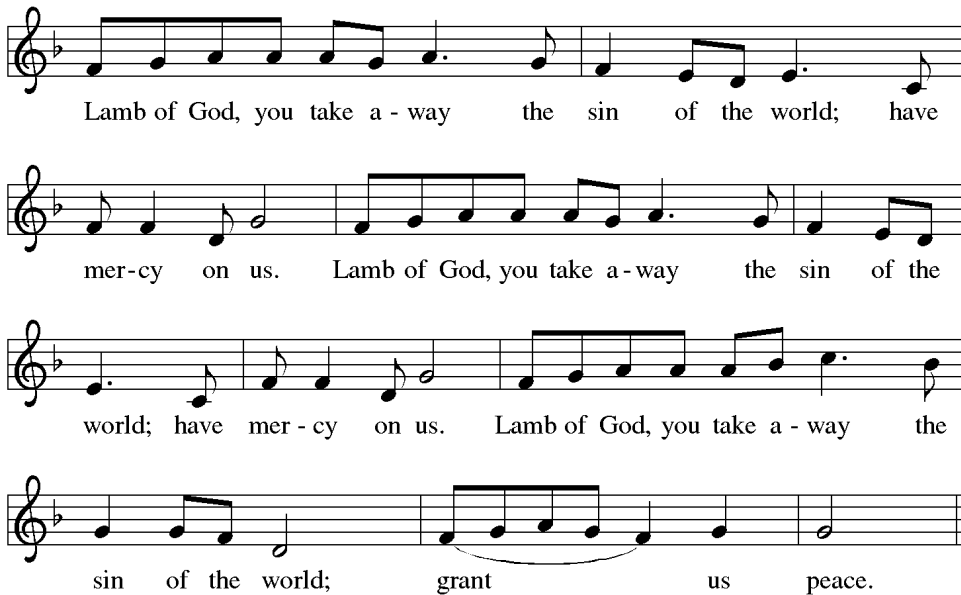
A **Thanks be to God!**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.  
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

## Communion Song

"Lamb of God" **Hymnal 146**



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.

*The Choir will lead us in singing simple Communion songs. Please join in as you feel led to do so.*

*The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.*

## Blessing after Communion

P The body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A **Amen.**

Post-Communion Song

"Strengthen for Service, Lord" Hymnal 497



1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

A Amen.

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

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**Sending of Communion**

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**A Amen.**

**Sending Song**

“Jesus Loves Me ” *(printed on next page)* **Hymnal 595**

*Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.*

**Blessing**

P Go out, clothed in strength and dignity. Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Delight in the Lord’s teaching, open your hands to the poor, and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God.

And may God draw near to you and strengthen you;  
May + Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and make you fruitful in peace and righteousness.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service.*

*Refreshments today are provided by Carol Krizman*

*Come enjoy one another’s company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

**Serving in Worship today...**

Presiding Minister .....	Pr. John Lang
Assisting Minister .....	Caroline Nakic
Acolyte .....	Chris Djuric
Lector .....	Christine Imhoff
Communion Minister .....	Caroline Nakic
Music Director .....	James Morehead
Organist .....	Kathy Roderer
Table Preparation .....	Kim Miller
Communion Bread .....	TBA
Ushers.....	Nicolai Schousboe, Jim Rakowsky

# Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three verses.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the continuation of the verses.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The Refrain section is marked with the word "Refrain" in italics. It features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in one line, corresponding to the Refrain.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The final system of music concludes the piece. It features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in one line, corresponding to the final line of the Refrain.

## **This Week's Commemoration**

### **Michael and All Angels**

**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

Michael the Archangel, captain of the heavenly host, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means "messenger," and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

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## Baggage

Take any trips this past summer? Did you forget your toothbrush, or did you take everything including the bathroom sink? Packing is always a challenge, but unpacking can be even worse. Finally home, all the bags out of the car, the last thing anyone wants to do is put it all away, yet it's the cross we bear as punishment for going on vacation.

Sound ridiculous? It is, but we tend to think of denying ourselves and taking up the cross as carrying a bag full of punishment for being who and what we are. No one likes lugging around baggage; it weighs us down, hurts our bodies, and destroys our self-esteem. It makes us cranky, causes us to complain, and makes life miserable not just for us but for those around us as well.

The whole point of God sending us Jesus wasn't to make us cranky. Jesus didn't suffer death on the cross so we would have things to complain about, and he didn't call us to discipleship to diminish our self-worth. Denying ourselves isn't giving up chocolate for Lent or putting everyone else's needs above our own to our own detriment. Taking up our crosses isn't living with our own personal suffering or tolerating abuse from others. Jesus doesn't ask us to give up our identities or to carry hardship after hardship on our backs.

Denying ourselves means rejecting those things that keep us from being a part of a larger community. The one piece of baggage Jesus calls us to carry is relationship with others and for others. It won't always be easy to carry, because it leaves us vulnerable. Golgatha wasn't a vacation destination. But following Jesus means life with Jesus—and that means we never carry anything alone.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 27	Quilts Assembly Day	10:00 AM
Friday, Sept. 28	Quilts Displaying	7:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 30	Blessing of the Quilts	10:30 AM
Sunday, Oct. 7	Café Immanuel	9:00 AM
	Blessing of the Animals	10:30 AM
Saturday, Oct. 20	Bridges to Home Cabaret	7:00 PM

## Immanuel's Staff and Leadership

The Rev. Keith Fry .....	Pastor
Sara Krentz.....	Congregation Council President
James Morehead .....	Music Director
Greg Hummel .....	Organist
Laurie Stivers .....	Associate Organist
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