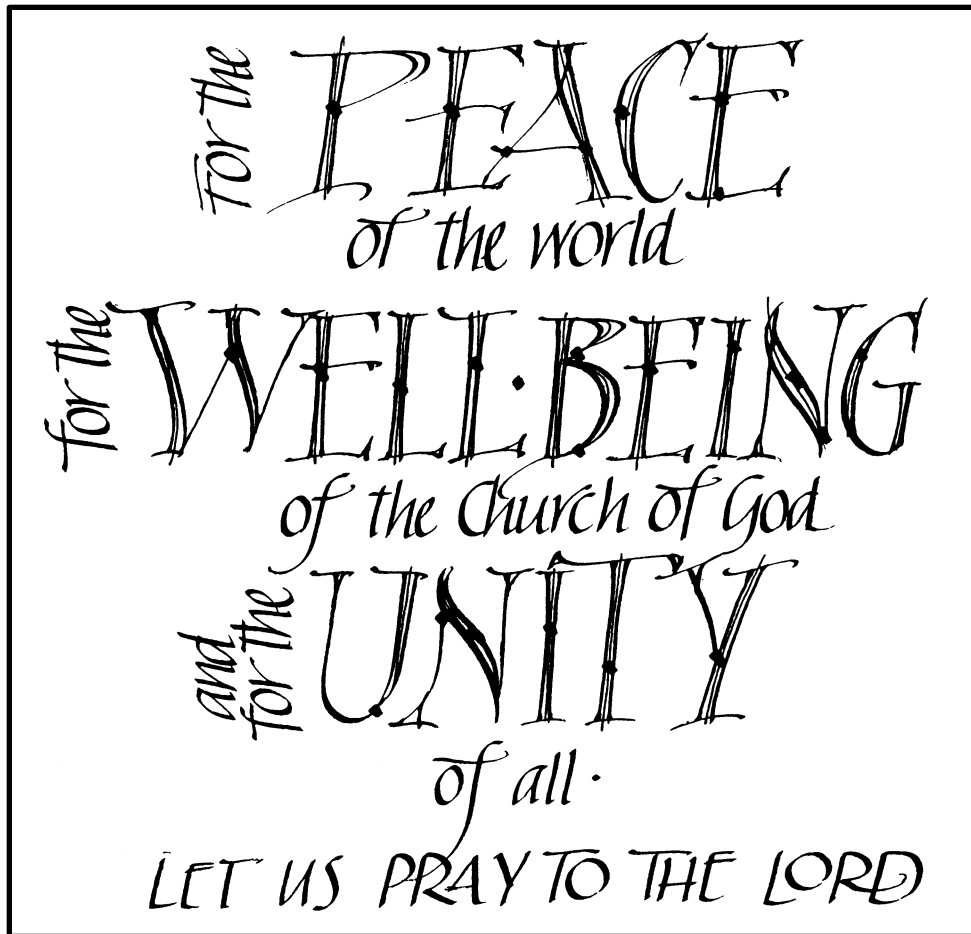


Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday After Epiphany

St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor



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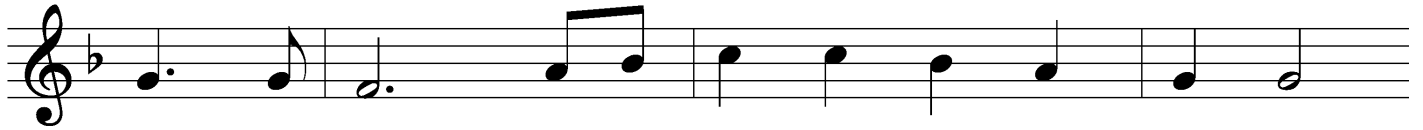
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OPENING HYMN #898

"SEND, O LORD, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT"



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants
 2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious
 3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds
 lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,
 with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
 they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -
 till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your
 bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,
 stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
 Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
 them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

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Please stand.

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

CW 155

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



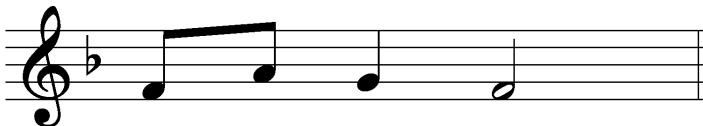
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

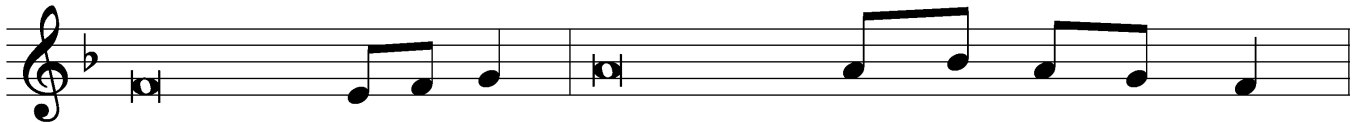


C: A - men.

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GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



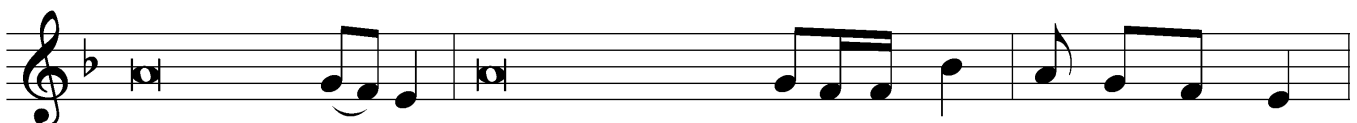
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



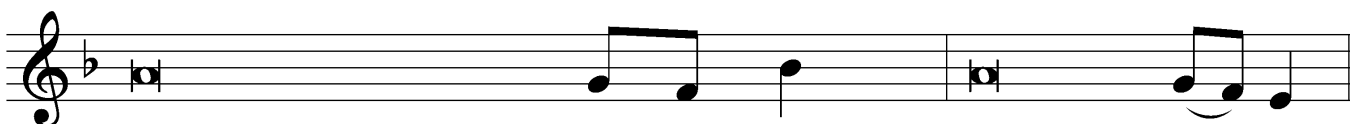
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



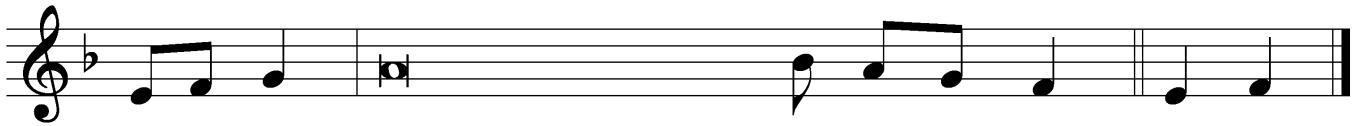
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O almighty God, you have always given your church faithful shepherds to feed and nourish your flock. Grant that all pastors may rightly preach your Word and administer your sacraments that your people may be guided in the way that leads to eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

ACTS 20:28-35

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions.

³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #601 (EARLY SERVICE)
SING FROM HYMNAL OR DISPLAY

PSALM 100 : "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL"

CHOIR ANTHEM (LATE SERVICE)

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD"

Words by: Linda Lee Johnson, Music by: Tom Fettke © Hope Publishing Company

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your defender is He who is always the same. Mount up with wings as the eagles ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Put on the armor the Lord has provided; Place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in battle, Lighting your path to avoid ev'ry snare.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage; Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle, for the vict'ry is always His; He will protect you wherever you go. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage for He is your Guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours, Be strong!

SECOND READING

TITUS 1:1-9

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— ²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, ³and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

⁴To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PSALM 71:15



Refrain



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

M: My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long.

C: Refrain

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HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 10:1-9

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

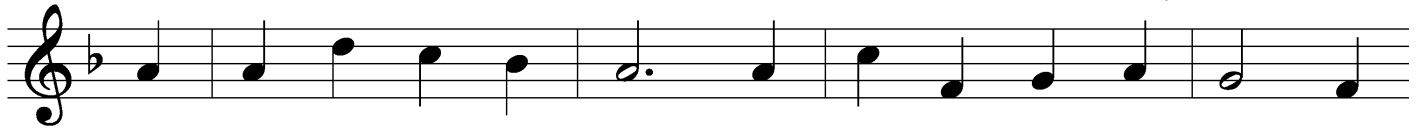
⁵"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

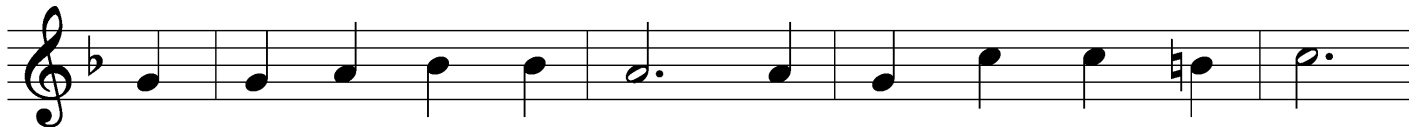
Be seated.



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
 4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
 5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
 that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
 and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
 pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
 guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
 Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
 send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
 Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
 Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
 you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
 that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
 what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
 through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

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SERMON TEXT

TITUS 1:1-9

SERMON

"LEADERSHIP MATTERS"

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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the description link and sign in.

FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance.

You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice close communion and ask those who are not members of WELS or ELS churches to
please speak with Pastor before coming forward for holy communion.*

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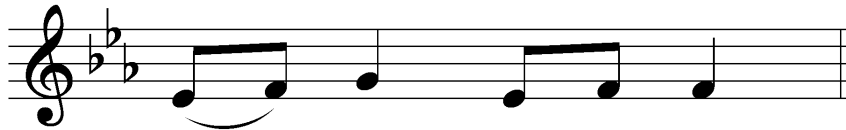
Preface

CW 165

CONGREGATION SINGS THE BOLD PRINT



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

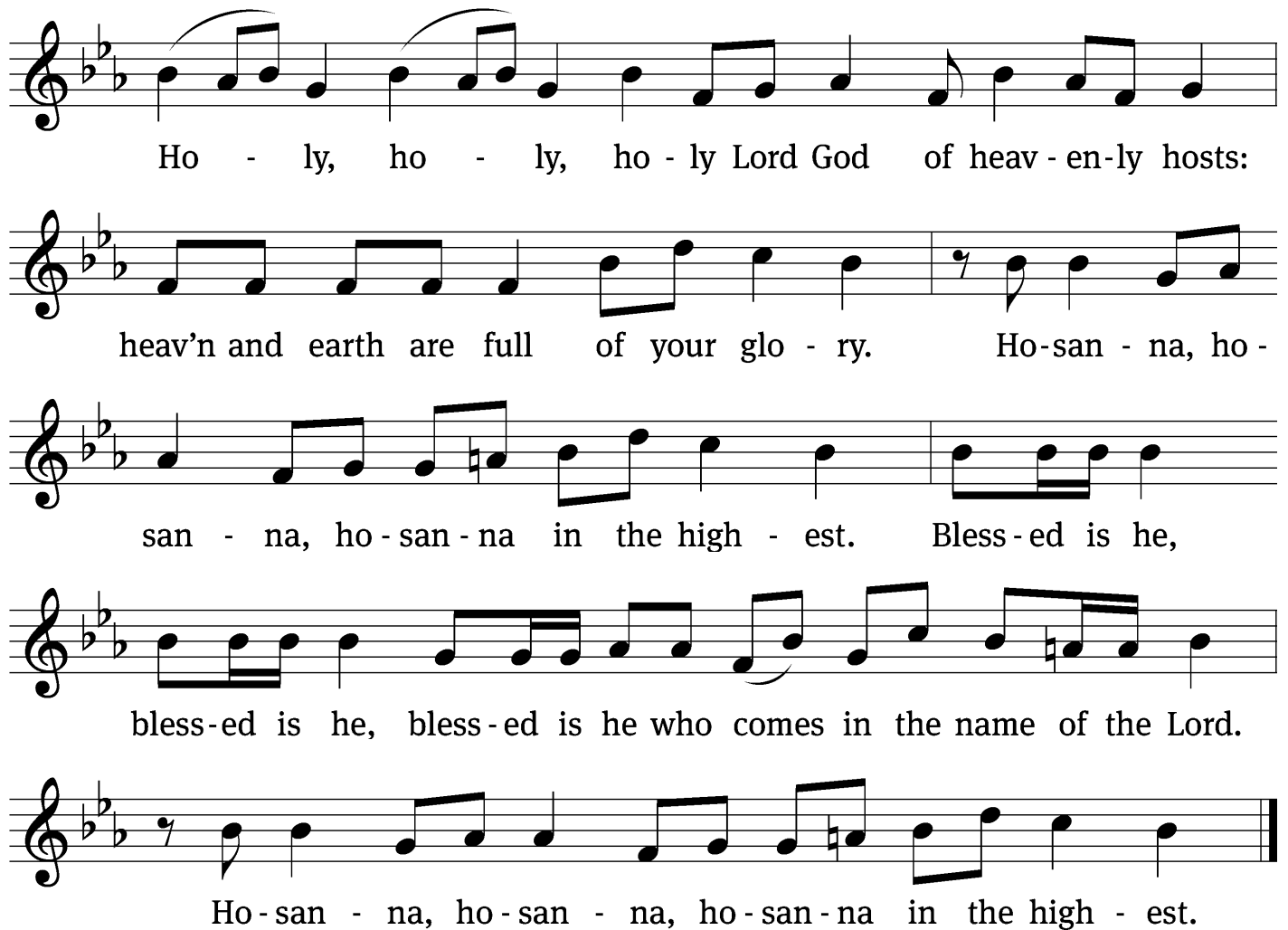


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n 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,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *(CONGREGATION SINGS)*

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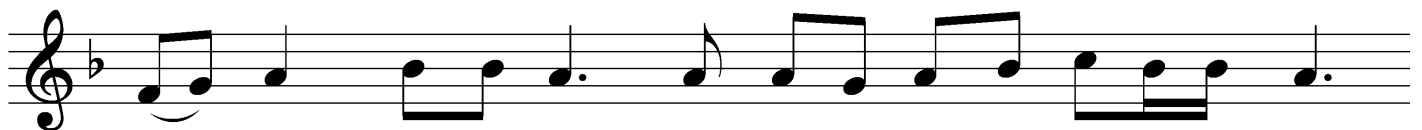
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



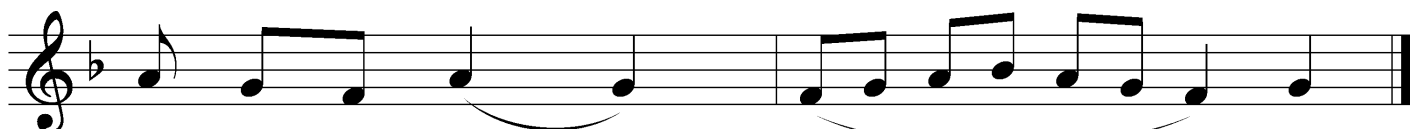
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (ADDITIONAL HYMN IS PRINTED ON NEXT PAGE)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #745

"HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING"



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
- 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your of - f'rings you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

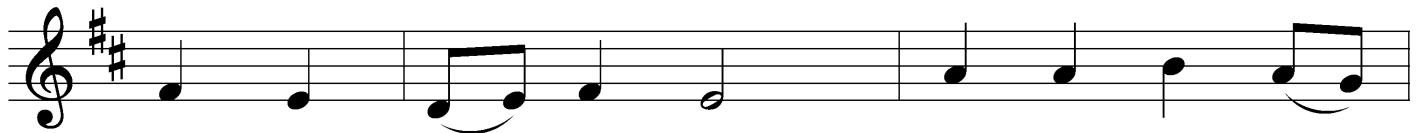
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN #902

"SPREAD ABROAD, O MIGHTY WORD"



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
 world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
 ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
 guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
 sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
 just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain all throughout the world remain,
 but the reapers still are few;
 great the work they have to do.
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 rouse to action heart and mind;
 let the gath'ring nations all
 see your light and heed your call.

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

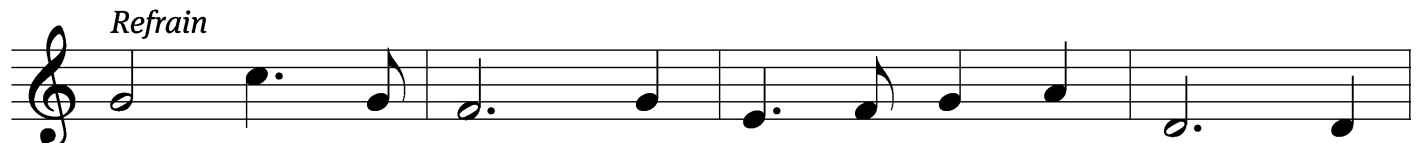
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

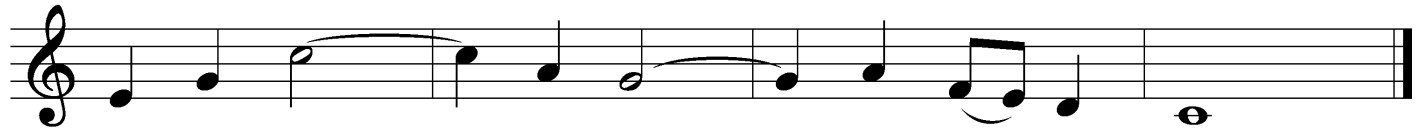
CLOSING HYMN #900

"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"


Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till




all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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ALTAR GUILD The 2025 Altar Guild schedule has been put into the church mailboxes of all the volunteers. Thank you!

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE CHOIR will sing on March 9 at our 10:30 AM service.

WITNESSING WORKSHOP: The Bible encourages us to be prepared to give an answer to those who don't know Jesus. But how do you talk to people who feel "church-hurt" and don't show much interest? We'll talk about how you already know what to say to others; and we'll look at a simple wisdom tool to help you talk with the non-Christians that God puts in your life. Join us Saturday, Feb. 8 for a workshop at Immanuel from 9:00 to noon. Childcare is available, and lunch is provided. Sign up in back.

GREETERS	East Doors	North Doors	JANUARY USHERS
1-26	8:00 Howard & Nancy W. 10:30 Deana H.	Volunteer Brad & Sarah S.	8:00 Bob H., Howard W. 10:30 Matt M., Don B.

FEBRUARY GREETERS	East Doors	North Doors	FEBRUARY USHERS
2/2	8:00 Howard & Nancy W. 10:30 Bill & Helen R.	Volunteer Brad & Sarah Sorn	8:00 Don L., Nate W. 10:30 Kris G., Joe B.
2/9	8:00 Volunteer 10:30 Jim & Jamie T.	Volunteer Vern & Marjorie H.	
2/16	8:00 Karl & Lynn F. 10:30 Volunteer	Volunteer Denny & Sharon P.	
2/23	8:00 Bob H. 10:30 Pam W.	Volunteer Jan S.	ACCOMPANIST Connie Krueger

CALENDAR	Sunday	<i>Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM</i> Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Evangelism Board, 11:45 AM Confirmation, 6:30PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Sunday	<i>Worship, 8:00AM & 10:30AM</i> Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Confirmation, 6:30PM

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings 9:15AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Joshua 10:00AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Worship 7:00PM

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.