

Grow ... Go ... Gather
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(LCMS)**

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Order of Service (Morning Prayer, 235ff)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 798 "The God of Abraham Praise" sts. 1, 3-4, 7-9



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righ - teous - ness,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
Tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er - blest.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And glo - rious with His saints in light For - ev - er reigns.

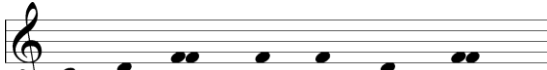
8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
 They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine
 And endless praise!

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Versicles

LSB 235



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Alleluia

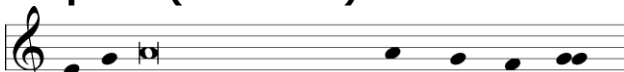
LSB 235



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

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 235



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 236



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



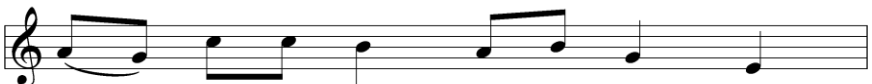
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



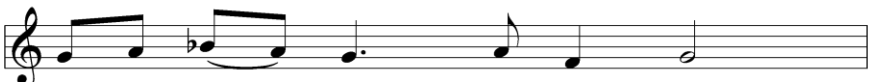
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.

I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;
 let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple
 of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

III Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 237

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

The Psalmody: Psalm 136:1-9, 26

- P** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- G** Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

- P** Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P** To him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P** To him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **The sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**
- P** The moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C** **Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

A Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name" (Matt Redman)

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name **(Pre-chorus and Chorus)**

Bridge

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name **(Chorus)**

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The Old Testament Lesson: *Genesis 9:8–17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Ancient Words" (De Shazo)

Verse 1

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 2

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Verse 3

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear **(Chorus)**

Ending

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 6:45–56*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the

boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Response to Gospel reading

LSB 238

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 535, "How Wide the Love of Christ"



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em-brace.
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea-sured mer - cy pours.
bears with - in His wound-ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

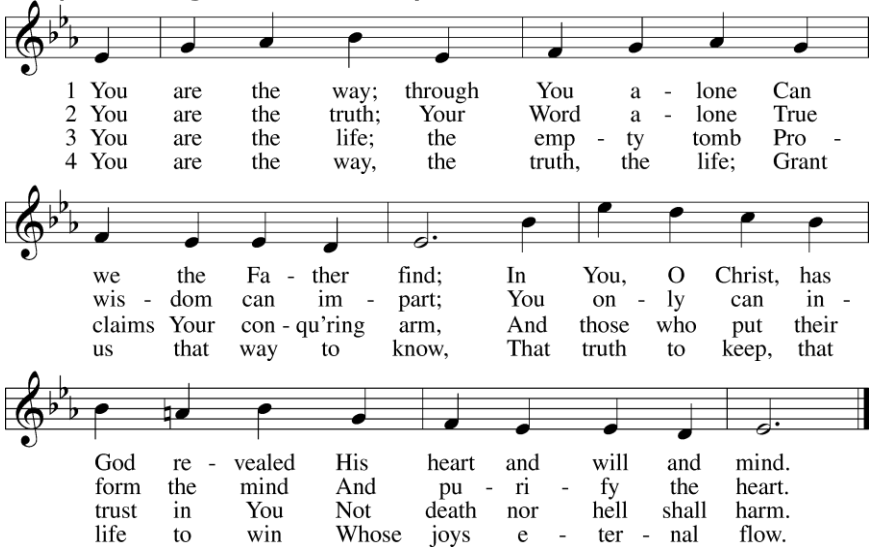
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The Sermon: *Ephesians 3:14–21*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Offering (We will sing: LSB 526, “You Are the Way; through You Alone”)



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

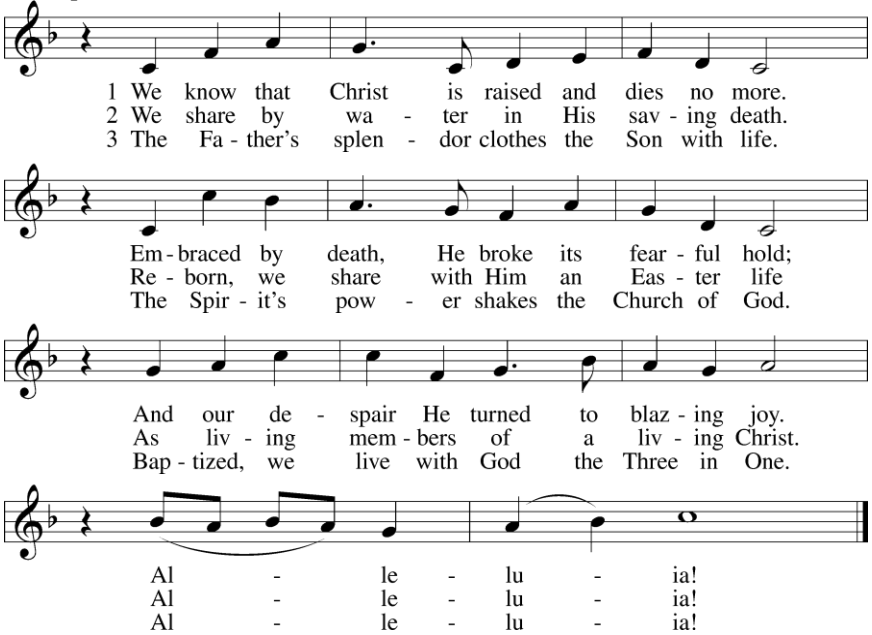
we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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The Offering Prayer and The General Prayer

A Hymn: LSB 603, "We Know that Christ is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life.
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**G 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.**

The Benediction and closing Hymn: "Barocha"
(Michael Card)

Chorus 1

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace and give you peace
And give you peace forever

Chorus 2

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace and give you peace
And give you peace forever

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: July 25 – August 1

TODAY: **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
Monday: **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
Wed: **Noon:** Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on
 Facebook
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 church
Friday: Pastor's Day off
Sunday: **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
 St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Jerry Talen
Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema
Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

Those who serve August 1:

Deacons: John Weiss and Jerry Talen
Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski
Lector: Rick Schantz

August Altar Guild: Suellen Pfannkuch and
Amanda Donigan

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: July 18, 2021

General Fund	\$2,735.00
Plate Collections	875.00
Friends in Faith	500.00
Memorials – Shirley Genther	1,270.00
Total:	\$5,380.00
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>160.30</u>
Total:	\$5,540.30

"Who are we?" Or "Who Am I?" St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians addresses these questions with clarity. Our epistle lessons will focus on texts from the Letter to the Ephesians. Developing his messages upon the Bible study he led recently on Ephesians, Pastor Schaeffer's messages will be focused on the theme, *"Who I Am? Who are We?"* May the Holy Spirit use this sermon series to give us clarity as to who we are!



The 20th Annual Golf for Life is scheduled for **Friday, September 10**, at the **Thornapple Pointe Golf Course**. The proceeds will benefit the programs at the **Grand Rapids Pregnancy Resource Center**. The entry fee is \$200.00 per golfer or \$550.00 for a foursome. There are additional fees if you are interested in sponsorship or golf hole sponsorship. The fee includes a round of golf (with cart I presume) and a steak/chicken lunch. There will be golf prizes and a raffle. If you are interested in more information or to register, visit: <https://danvosconstruction.com/golf-for-life/>. The **registration deadline is Friday, September 3**. PASTOR SCHAEFFER WOULD LOVE TO ASSEMBLE A GOLF FOURSOME TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT PROLIFE ORGANIZATION. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SPEAK WITH HIM **ASAP**.



Join Pastor Schaeffer in an 8 day devotional journey entitled, *Journey to the Olympics*. In this devotional series, available on the You Version app, Olympic athletes share how their faith in Christ has helped them and provided a sure foundation for their life. Pastor will begin this devotional series **Wednesday, July 28**. If you are interested in participating and are not yet a “friend” with Pastor on You Version, contact him and he will help you connect with him so that you can participate in this group activity. Each devotion includes a Bible passage, a devotional thought, and personal reflections from eight Olympians.



Immanuel Lutheran Church is having a **Blood Drive** in partnership with Versiti on **Tuesday, August 3**, from **3pm-7pm**. The Blood Drive will be held in the Gathering Place at Immanuel located at 2 Michigan St. NE.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!

To make an appointment, contact Rebekah Seifferlein (Immanuel GR Parish Nurse) at rkseifferlein@outlook.com or 517-648-5466.