



Immanuel

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THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 4 & 5, 2026

Welcome to Worship! Harvesting has been ongoing for weeks as farmers bring in what has grown through the summer months. It is the point of time and money spent in planting and caring for the fields! What does God seek in our lives as the result of His planting and care for us? His Word reveals His plan and how He accomplishes it.

1st Time Guests: We're glad you're here and invite you to stop by the *Welcome Center* near the center aisle after the service for a hospitality gift. It's a chance to learn more about our congregation & ministries. We hope you'll join us again!

Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.

A **"Wee Wiggle Room"** is below the Narthex. A Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Bible Classes meet in Fellowship Hall. **Adult Information Class** meet upstairs in Heritage Room. **Sunday School** meets upstairs.

Children's Activity Bags are located in the Narthex. Please return after worship.

Where do I put my offering? You can place gifts in the offering plate near each entrance or the boxes on the west wall of the narthex or in the chapel.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

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THE PRELUDE: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" -Keith Kolander

THE HYMN: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

Hymn 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of MADISON MAE THIAS, Page 268

Parents: Tyler & Kelsey (Nolting) Thias; **Sponsors:** Caitlin Nolting & Kyle Mathena

THE RESPONSES:

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

C O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**
John 8:31-32

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his

sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

THE RESPONSORY

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

THE SERMON HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Hymn 909

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

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THE SERMON: "Glad, or Sad?"

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own.
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His Name!
2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners may like us, be blessed
Sending them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His Name!
3. "Serve the Lord with Gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the master, Work in His employ.
As we build His Kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His Name!

THE LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in

obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen. ®

THE KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Hymn 912

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Church of God Elect and Glorious" -Wilbur Held

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Preacher: Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Vicar Genszler & Pastor Bloch

Lector: Pastor Fredstrom **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Children's Choir(9:00) Brass(9:00)

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