# Keep Your Lamp Burning – WAIT




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Temple, TX

# Welcome to Immanuel!

"Leading our neighbors to the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ and building up one another in faith through Word and Sacrament."

## A Note to Visitors

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to register your attendance using the cards located in the pews and to place them in the offering plate as it is passed. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome table in the lobby.

Immanuel Lutheran Church serves the greater Bell County area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are celebrating 100 years of faithful commitment to Christian worship, education, mission, and service.

We hope you join us for worship again soon!

## Connect with Us!

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## About the Liturgical Season of Pentecost

The Season of Pentecost begins with the Day (or Feast) of Pentecost, marking the end of the 50-day season of Easter. On Pentecost, we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ's apostles, bestowing them with power and strength and enabling them to proclaim the Gospel in a variety of languages. Red adorns our sanctuary for the Day of Pentecost as a reminder of the power of this day. The rest of the season is marked by green, a neutral color that encourages us to maintain our faith during this, our longest church season.

## A Note to Parents

We believe children are God's children too, which means they are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

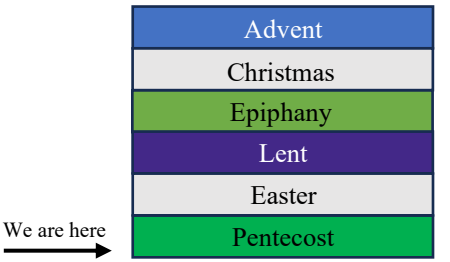
However, we completely understand that kids can get restless during the service, and we understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time. We want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. We offer these opportunities for children to participate in service, and for them to take breaks when needed:

**Children's Message** | Children are invited to come forward for a brief message of teaching and prayer. Parents are welcome to accompany small children as needed. *(Offered every other Sunday)*

**Nursery** | When parents need a place for their children during worship, a children's room is available down the main hallway on the left.

**Nursing Mom's Corner** | Available inside the nursery.

## The Church Year



# Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 | 10:30am

*During the service, congregation reads the **bold** font.*

*Please share your attendance with us by filling out the attendance card and placing it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests or feedback may be written on the back.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Family Worship

### ♫ Here I Am to Worship

**1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,**
**Opened my eyes, let me see.**
**Beauty that made this heart adore You,**
**Hope of a life spent with You.**

*Chorus:*
***So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,***
***Here I am to say that You're my God.***
***You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,***
***Altogether wonderful to me.***

**2. King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,**
**Glorious in heaven above.**
**Humbly You came to the earth You created,**
**All for love's sake became poor.** *Chorus*

**I'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH IT COST,**
**TO SEE MY SIN UPON THAT CROSS.** *Repeat, Chorus 2X*

**HERE I AM TO WORSHIP!**
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### Veterans Day Video

## Welcome

*Veterans, please come forward at this time to receive a gift in recognition of your service.*

## Invocation

We have come to worship the one true God,

In the Name of the Father, **Who created us.**
In the Name of Jesus Christ, **Who redeemed us.**
In the Name of the Holy Spirit, **Who sanctifies us.**

Glory be to You, O God, **the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Confessing our Sins and Receiving God's Forgiveness

We are here because we are human, but we deny our humanity. All too often, we act like stubborn fools and then lie about it. The truth is, we do not love God, nor do we love other people as we know we ought. We say we want to walk with Jesus but then take off on paths of our own making. We say that Jesus is our example for life and living but then imitate the lifestyles of those guided by the ancient foe.

**We have come to confess our sins, Lord, because we are sorry for them and know we are sick from them. O Lord, we seek a new life! Giver of Life, heal us and free us to be people of God!**

Lord Jesus, as we have come to be with You, please speak to us, and help us to listen, for we are very deaf to Your Word. **Come fill us with Your Truth through the Word and Sacrament. Amen.**

Our God is a tomorrow God. He knows our past, and He knows where we are headed. He knows our needs and desires His children to come to Him in prayer. As we confess our sin to Him, He is faithful and will forgive our sin and set us right with Himself. He knows that He is what we desire and that true fulfillment comes in knowing Him. His promise of something better is found in His forgiveness and in His love. **Praise God for His goodness. Amen.**

## ♫ Great I Am

**1. I wanna be close, close to Your side,**
**So Heaven is real and death is a lie;**
**I wanna hear voices of angels above,**
**Singing as one,**

*Chorus:*
***Hallelujah, holy, holy,***
***God Almighty, great I Am;***
***Who is worthy, none beside Thee;***
***God Almighty, great I Am.***

**2. I wanna be near, near to Your heart,**
**Loving the world, hating the dark;**
**I wanna see dry bones living again,**
**Singing as one,** *Chorus*

**THE MOUNTAINS SHAKE BEFORE YOU;**
**THE DEMONS RUN AND FLEE,**
**AT THE MENTION OF YOUR NAME, KING OF MAJESTY;**
**THERE IS NO POW'R IN HELL OR ANY WHO CAN STAND,**
**BEFORE THE POWER AND THE PRESENCE OF THE GREAT I AM,**
**THE GREAT I AM, THE GREAT I AM;**
**THE GREAT I AM, THE GREAT I AM, THE GREAT I AM.** *Chorus*

*The Prayers of the Day are ancient, some more than 1500 years old. In these carefully crafted prayers, we lift up our voices together, making our appeal to our heavenly Father, carrying our most basic needs before the heavenly throne.*

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:18-24

[18]Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
[19]as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,

with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## ♫ Thy Word

*Chorus:*
***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,***
***And a light unto my path.***
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***And a light unto my path.***

**1. When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,**
**Still You're there right beside me.**
**Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.**
**Please be near me to the end.** *Chorus*

**2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet,**
**My heart forever is wandering.**
**Jesus, be my Guide and hold me to Your side;**
**I will love You to the end.** *Chorus*

*See the back of the bulletin for space for sermon notes*

# Today's Message

## Keep Your Lamp Burning – WAIT

*When we speak the creed, we declare together the basics of our faith, as a summary of Biblical teaching about the Triune God, the Church, our resurrection, and life eternal.*

## Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Online offerings may be given by following the QR code found below and on the giving card in the pew. The card may then be placed in the offering plate*

## Announcements

## Offerings of Thanksgiving

## ♫ Offertory

*Instrumental Selections*

## Prayer and Petitions

*After each petition:*

…Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, keep us watchful for the coming of Your Son. Through the teaching of Your Word, strengthen our faith and fix our hope on Jesus Christ, that we may be ready to welcome Him when He returns in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Father, seek those who have wandered from You. Work through Your Word to renew their trust in Your mercy and restore them to the fellowship of Your Church. Help us reach out to them with patience, compassion and the hope of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, be with us as we gather in our meeting today. Give us courage and wisdom to not just elect leaders and pass a budget, but to expand your mission of living in the Joy of our Salvation! Keep us faithful to You and to Your Word that all may come to believe in Christ and live in joyful expectation of His return. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, guide our leaders and all who hold positions of authority. Guard them against corruption and selfish ambition. Give them integrity, wisdom and courage to uphold justice, protect the vulnerable and preserve peace in our communities and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give You thanks for the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. Bless our veterans and their families, and help us care for them with gratitude and compassion. Bring healing to those who bear wounds in body or mind, comfort those who grieve and surround those who feel forgotten with people who will support them. Grant them lasting hope and peace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, draw near to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit [including _____]. Grant healing according to Your will, strength for each day and comfort through Your promises. As they wait upon You, keep them confident in Christ, who will raise His people and make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we thank You for all who have died trusting in Christ and now rest from their labors. Comfort those who mourn with the promise that death will not have the final word. When our Savior descends from heaven and the dead in Christ rise, gather us with all Your saints to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else You know we need, grant us, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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 the evil one. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## ♫ Holy Forever

**1. A thousand generations falling down in worship,**
**To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**
**And all who've gone before us,**
**And all who will believe,**
**Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

*Pre-Chorus:*
***Your Name is the highest,***
***Your Name is the greatest,***
***Your Name stands above them all.***
***All thrones and dominions,***
***All powers and positions,***
***Your Name stands above them all.***

***And the angels cry, Holy!***
***All creation cries, Holy!***
***You are lifted high, Holy!***
***Holy forever!***

**2. If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed,**
**Sing the song forever to the Lamb.**
**If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His Name,**
**Sing the song forever to the Lamb.**
**We'll sing the song forever and amen.**

*Chorus:*
***And the angels cry, Holy! All creation cries, Holy!***
***You are lifted high, Holy! Holy forever!***
***Hear Your people sing, Holy! To the King of Kings, Holy!***
***You will always be, Holy! Holy forever!***
*Pre-Chorus 2X, Chorus*

**YOU WILL ALWAYS BE, HOLY!**
**HOLY FOREVER!**

# Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathered in His Name and in the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His Own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver, and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*These "Words of Institution" tell us what the gift is and what its benefits are: His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The pastor speaks, but the Words are Christ's.*

## The Words of Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**And also with you. Amen.**

*If this is not your confession or if you are an unconfirmed child, we ask you cross your arms and receive a blessing.*

## Confessional Affirmation

**I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, satan, and death.**

**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.**

**I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, cheerful giving, thankful living, and sharing the Gospel with others. Amen.**

*As you prepare to receive the Holy Supper, please read Notes about Holy Communion on page 17.*

# Distribution

*The pastor, and those who assist him, distribute to those who come to receive, saying:*

*"Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.* ***Amen****."*

*"Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.* ***Amen****."*

## ♫ Just As I Am

**1. Just as I am without one plea,**
**But that Thy blood was shed for me,**
**And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2. Just as I am and waiting not**
**To rid my soul of one dark blot.**
**To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*Chorus:*
***I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.***
***I come desp'rate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.***
***I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.***
***And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.***

**3. Just as I am I would be lost,**
**But mercy and grace my freedom bought.**
**And now to glory in Your Cross,**
**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.** *Chorus 2X*

**PRAISE GOD, JUST AS I AM. JUST AT I AM.**

## ♫ Come As You Are

**1. Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.**
**Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.**
**Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;**
**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,**
**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

*Chorus:*
***Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.***
***All who are broken lift up your face.***
***O wanderer come home; you're not too far.***
***So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,***
***Come as you are.***

**2. There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:**
**Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.**
**There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.**
**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.** *Chorus*

**COME AS YOU ARE**
**FALL IN HIS ARMS**
**COME AS YOU ARE**

**3. There's joy for the morning. O sinner be still.**
**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**
**Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.** *Chorus*

***Come as you are.***
***Come as you are.***
***Come as you are.***

## ♫ His Robes for Mine

**1. His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!**
**Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.**
**Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.**
**In Christ I live, for in my place He died.**

**2. His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?**
**God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.**
**Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,**
**Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.**

*Chorus:*
***I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:***
***Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.***
***Bought by such love, my life is not my own.***
***My praise, my all shall be for Christ alone.***

**3. His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.**
**Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.**
**Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"**
**Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.** *Chorus*

**4. His robes for mine: such anguish none can know;**
**Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.**
**He, as though I, accursed and left alone;**
**I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!** *Chorus*

***My praise, my all shall be for Christ alone.***

## ♫ The Goodness of Jesus

**1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus.**
**Come you anxious soul now and see.**
**There is perfect love and comfort in your tears.**
**Rest here in His wondrous peace.**

*Chorus:*
***Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.***
***Satisfied, He is all that I need.***
***May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days***
***In the goodness of Jesus.***

**2. Come find what this world cannot offer.**
**Come and find your joy here complete.**
**Taste the Living Water, never thirst again.**
**Rest here in His wondrous peace.** *Chorus*

**3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus.**
**He is all He said He would be.**
**Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart.**
**Rest here in His wondrous peace.** *Chorus 2X*

**MAY IT BE, COME WHAT MAY, THAT I REST ALL MY DAYS IN THE GOODNESS OF JESUS.**

*In the Post-Communion Prayer, we give thanks for the Sacrament, the gift that brings salvation. We are reminded from receiving the Sacrament of such favor and grace that our faith and love are stimulated, renewed, and strengthened.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

## Prayer of Thanksgiving
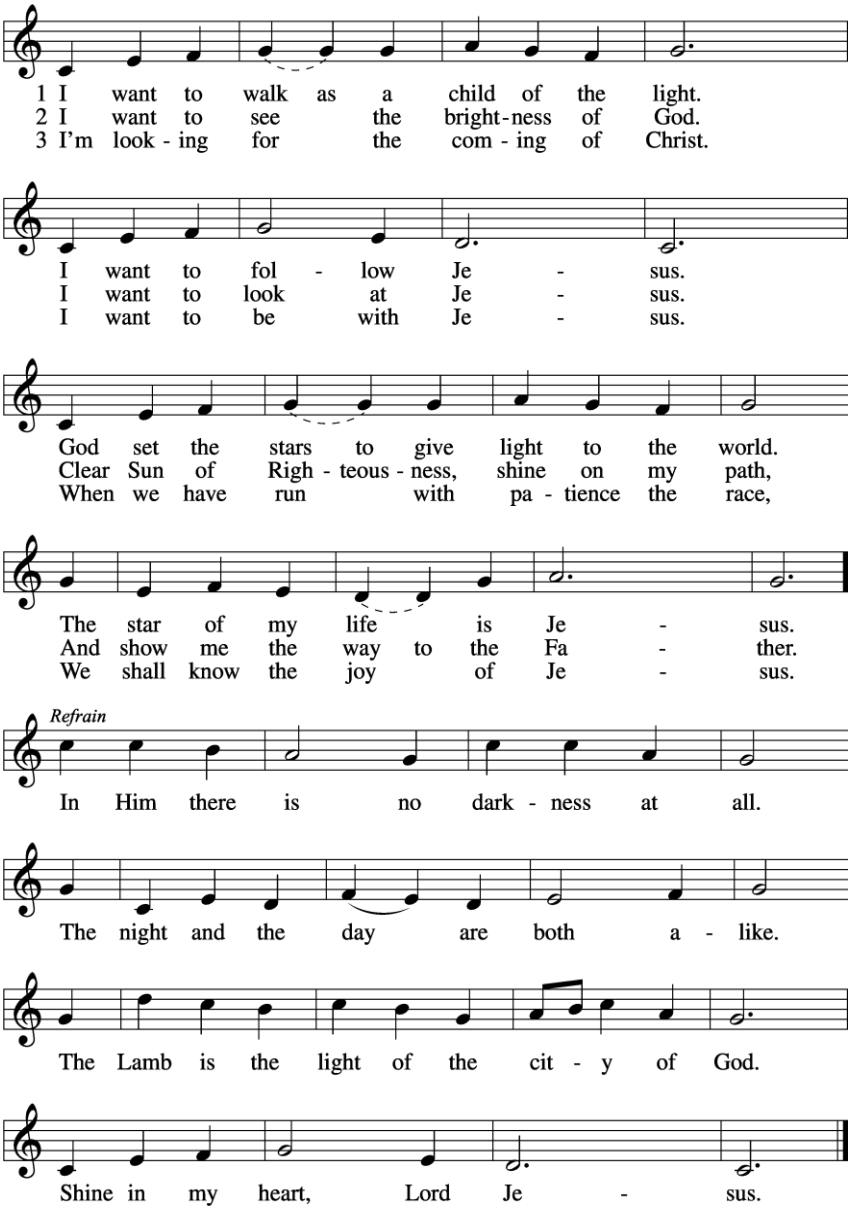
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You most heartily that You have fed us in these holy mysteries with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us with Your grace that we may continue as true members in the mystical body of Your Son and do the good works that You desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

Now may the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good, that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

## ♫ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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# Notes About Holy Communion

## What is Communion?

As Christians, we confess that we receive the true body and blood of Christ--in, with, and under the bread and wine--in our hands and in our mouths. This is a profound wonder and unexplainable mystery.

We take the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood" at face value because God's Word clearly teaches that in the sacrament, the bread and wine are a communion, or participation, in the body and blood of Christ.

In the Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

## How Do I Receive Communion?

Receiving the body and blood of Christ is a sacred moment. You will be directed by the ushers to come forward. You may choose to come to the rail or commune by continuous flow. Those coming to the rail may immediately kneel and be served. Once served, you may return to your seat. Those choosing continuous flow will be served while standing as the line moves. Everyone will receive the wafer in an open hand, one on top of the other. Individual cups and a common cup are offered. Take an individual cup from the tray. If you prefer to take the common cup, it is acceptable to touch the base of the cup to control the tilt so that you receive an appropriate amount. Take empty cups with you and place in the receptacles on your way down the steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. The center ring of the communion trays contains low-alcohol wine.

For those who cannot approach the rail, we are happy to provide distribution in the pews. You may inform the elder in advance of the service that you will need communion in the pews, or, raise your hand when the elder comes by.

## Who May Commune?

The Lord's Supper is a testimony to our unity in the faith. This Sacrament is given for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to follow Him. We ask that those who are baptized, who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, and who have confirmed their faith, come forward to receive the Sacrament. Those who hold a different confession of faith are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

Scripture calls us to receive this sacred meal with reverence and self-examination. As written in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29: *"Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

It is our desire that you join us at the Lord's Table. Please speak with a pastor or elder if you would like more information.

Children of all ages are welcome to accompany you at the rail or the walk with you through the line for continuous flow. In doing so, they learn the importance of Holy Communion even as they receive a prayer of blessing.

## Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Preparation for Communion

For more resources, see Luther's Small Catechism on pages 326-327 in the hymnal.

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