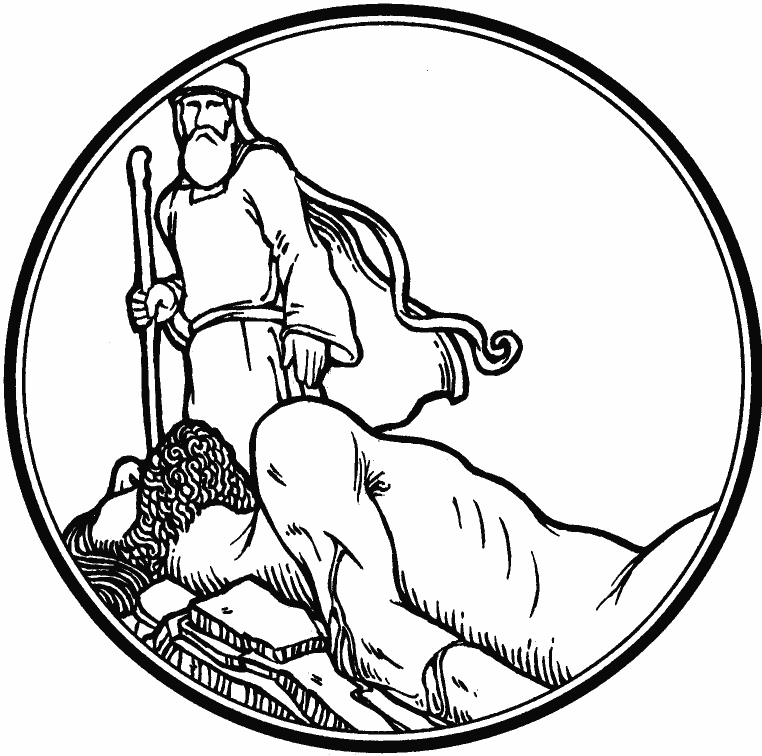




IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



Saturday, August 29, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 30, 2026 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the pew holder and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord, we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting Four

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 203)

Preservice Music

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand

Opening Hymn, LSB 851, “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Please stand

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 124:8; 30:3-4

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day *Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 22a, 23a*

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

✠ **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.

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sinned of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you." ¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals,

provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 77:14-15

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

**You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:15-22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. ²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

The image shows musical notation for the Alleluia and Verse. The Alleluia is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The Verse is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

P O LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you.



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” ²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 683, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Sermon

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

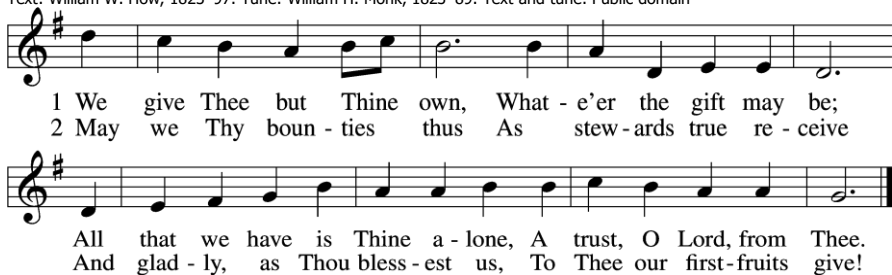
After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Offertory, LSB 781, v. 1-2, “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Please be seated

Offering *(During the Saturday service, please place your offering and attendance card in the plate in the narthex before or after the service.)*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Please stand

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

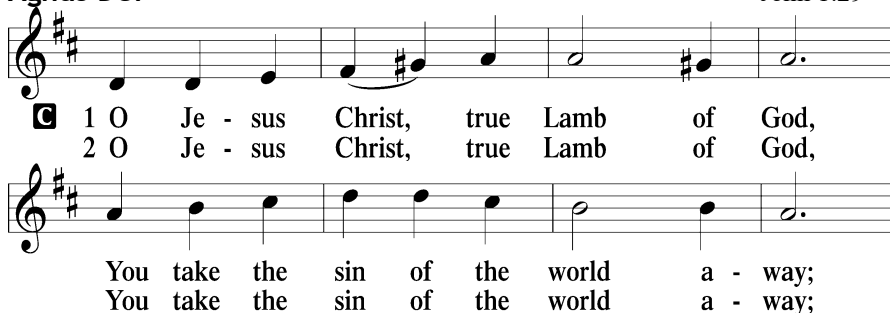
Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

LSB 540, "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

LSB 843, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Please stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood... Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



Post-Communion Collect



Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us bless the Lord.

Psalms 103:1



Thanks be to God.

Benediction



The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



Amen. ☩

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 876, "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

Bells / Postlude

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We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, August 29, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Greg Wiegand

Altar Guild - Cally Killian

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Rodney Clamors & Warren Frank

Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & Jase Gregory

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Media - Don Birrittier

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Jason Valerius & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - TJ Joellenbeck & Brady Drewes

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors & AJ Helms

Ushers - Sunday, September 6, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

10:15 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jackson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

Acolytes - Sunday, September 6, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Lucas Garner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Nolan Prather & Eddie Arras

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Everly Dethrow & Kennedy Filipiak

Servers - Sunday, September 6, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Ranley Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Rodney Clamors

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow & Seth Weinberg

Media - Sunday, September 6, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Ashlyn/Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand

Media - Gwen/Melissa Wiegand

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Ceely Suess

Lectors - Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - n/a

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Adam Eggemeyer

Altar Guild - Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Cally Killian

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Lindsey Dethrow

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Shut-in & Homebound Members

The Board of Community Care is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members periodically. See the list below. Thank You!

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Wolf, Mary Ann	3 Arrowhead Court	Waterloo, IL 62298
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DAILY PRAYER

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

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.

The Hymn of the Season, or another appropriate hymn or psalm, may be sung or spoken.

The appointed reading from The Family at Prayer is read and discussed using the accompanying questions.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism from The Congregation at Prayer is read and/or recited.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ,
have mercy upon us.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Week 3: August 30-September 5

Catechetical Theme: The 1st Commandment

This week we begin our weekly examination of the Ten Commandments, by which the LORD has revealed His will for our lives. In the First Commandment we learn that the will of the LORD is for every person to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. That is to say, He desires that all would believe in Him and be saved. Of course, because the First Commandment is a word of the Law, it serves to show us that we, in fact, fear, love and trust in many things above Him. Whether it be our financial situation, a medical diagnosis, an enemy, the breakdown of our reputation, or a family dispute, there is so much that causes us to live in fear, there is much that we love more than Him, and there are people in whom we place more trust than the LORD who created us and redeemed us. This week we examine what it means to have no other gods. God bless your time in His Word!

Catechism: The 1st Commandment

What is the First Commandment?

Pre+

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

1st+

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Readings for the Week

☐ August 31: Monday

Judges 16:23-24 – Philistines Idolize Dagon

☐ September 1: Tuesday

Daniel 3 – The Fiery Furnace

☐ **September 2: Wednesday**

Exodus 32:1-14 – The Golden Calf

☐ September 3: Thursday

Matthew 6:24-34 – You Cannot Serve Two Masters

☐ September 4: Friday

Psalms 146:1-7 – Trust Not in Princes

☐ September 5: Saturday

Luke 12:13-21 – The Parable of the Rich Fool

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Mon: What do the Philistines give to Dagon? What acts do they attribute to Dagon? What sin have they committed? What commandment have they sinned against?

Tues: What had King Nebuchadnezzar demanded? Why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not obey their king? What persecution did they suffer? Did they keep the First Commandment? How did the LORD protect them?

Wed: What did the children of Israel ascribe to the calf? What did they call the calf? What did they give to the calf? How was this sin against the First Commandment? What was the LORD's initial response? Why did He not respond with wrath? How does the action of Moses remind us of the action of Jesus?

Thur: Against what sort of idolatry does Jesus warn us in this reading? How might we be tempted to trust and serve money, or other worldly possessions? To what does Jesus point us so that we would not be anxious about our needs?

Fri-Sat: Of what sort of idolatry does this passage warn us? How might we be tempted to place our trust in these things? How is this a sin against the First Commandment? What does this passage instruct us to do instead?

Verse of the Week: Matthew 4:10 "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve."

Hymn of the Season:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (LSB 655)