



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



Saturday, September 26, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 27, 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* 613, “To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

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 ✠

Confession and Absolution

Psalms 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 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124

Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,

and teach me your statutes.

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,

who seek him with their whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

✠ **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.

Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,

and teach me your statutes.

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-shipped 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.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

(10:15 a.m.) **Choir Anthem**, "Word of God, Come Down to Earth" (J.A. Behnke)

*Word of God, come down to earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.*

*Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are, our healer be,
Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.*

*Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, your love out-pouring.*

*Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above;
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.*

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6-14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprov-er to a listening ear. ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. ¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 33:12, 6

Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

**By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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



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

P I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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



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.

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

Sermon

1 Timothy 2:1-4

C hear our prayer.

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.)* [10:15 a.m. - Choir Anthem, "In Holy Conversation" (Wismar/Gieseke)]

*In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.*

*These holy conversations Begin in child-like ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens--To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best*

*As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So--let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.*

✠ 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

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| 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. | Psalms 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

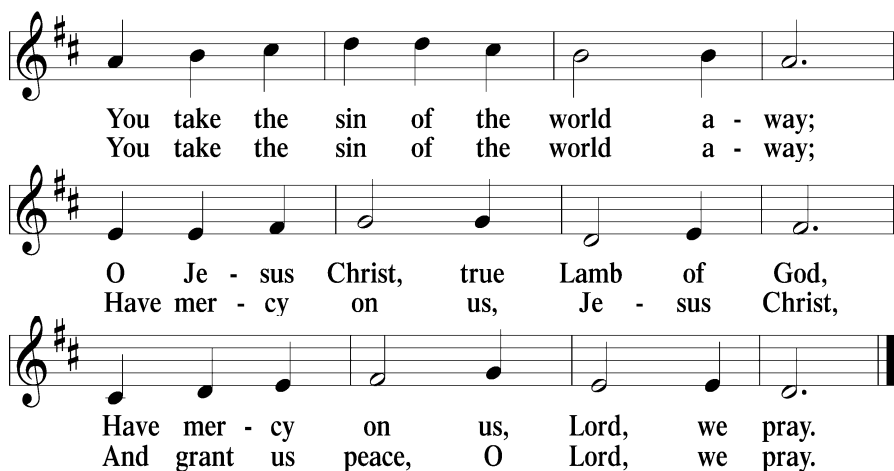
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

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 542, "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 411, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Please stand

Dismissal

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

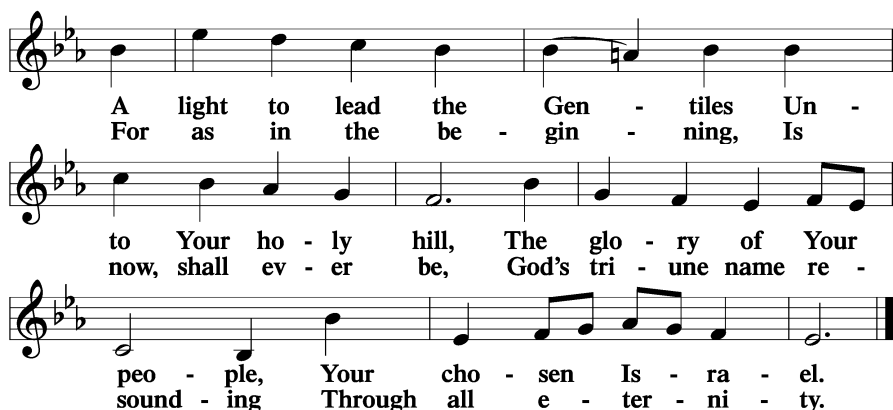
C Amen.

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, For All glo - ry seen to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Psalm 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* 935, "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

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, September 26, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Server - Aaron Thompson

Altar Guild - Susan Starbuck

Organist - Justin Tayon

Acolyte - Kenzie Wiegand

Media - AJ Helms

Sunday, September 27, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Rodney Clamors & Adam Eggemeyer

Acolytes - Olivia Rusteberg & TJ Joellenbeck

Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Rodney Clamors

Altar Guild - Barbara Altes

Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, September 27, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg

Acolytes - Rosie Fink & Carolina Bradley

Ushers - Kevin Whelan, Alex Whelan

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Angie Broske

Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn/Cathy Whelan

Ushers - Sunday, October 4, 2026

7:45 a.m. - Lee Eggemeyer, Adam Eggemeyer, Jakson Gregory, Myla & Henry Eggemeyer

10:15 a.m. - Dusty Dethrow, Davin Dethrow, Collin Dethrow, Jacob Dethrow, Everly Dethrow

Acolytes - Sunday, October 4, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Kenzie Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Lucas Garner & Aidan Kubelka

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jagger Gregory & Jase Gregory

Servers - Sunday, October 4, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Don Birrittier & Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Jason Valerius & Seth Weinberg

Media - Sunday, October 4, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Gwen/Melissa Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Liam Garner

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Nash Bradley

Lectors - Sunday, October 4, 2026

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Seth Weinberg

Altar Guild - Sunday, October 4, 2026

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 a.m. - Amy Kolweier

Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Ceely Suess

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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 7: September 27-October 3

Catechetical Theme: The 5th Commandment

*God is the author of life (Acts 3:15). He gives and He takes away (Job 1:21). As we confess in the Creed, He is the Lord and giver of life. He desires **not** the death of anyone (Ezek 18:32). To that end, to protect the lives which He gives, the LORD has given the Fifth Commandment. "You shall not murder," is God's revealed will that we are to protect and defend life in all its stages, from the very beginning, when it is conceived, to the very end, when death occurs. What the Lord gives is the Lord's to take away—not ours. And so, in the Fifth Commandment we learn to fear and love God so that we help and support our neighbor in every physical need. God bless your time in His Word!*

Catechism: The Fifth Commandment

What is the Fifth Commandment?

Pre+

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

1st+

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Readings for the Week

☐ September 28: Monday

Psalm 139:7-16 – Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

☐ September 29: Tuesday

Jeremiah 1:4-5 – Before I Formed You

☐ **September 30: Wednesday**

Genesis 4:1-16 – Cain & Abel

☐ October 1: Thursday

Luke 1:39-45 – John Leaps in the Womb

☐ October 2: Friday

Genesis 37:18-36 – Joseph Sold by His Brothers

☐ October 3: Saturday

Luke 10:25-37 – The Good Samaritan

Questions to Discuss in the Home

Mon: Pay special attention to verse 13. What does this verse teach us about our lives?

Who created us? Who made us? How should this passage teach us to value every life formed in the womb?

Tues: What does the LORD say to Jeremiah? Does this agree with yesterday's Psalm?

What does this passage teach us about our lives, even our future?

Wed: How did Cain break the 5th Commandment? How had the sin already taken place in his heart before he killed his brother? Where does our hatred begin? How does God's protection of Cain teach us about life?

Thur: Where are Jesus and John the Baptist? How does John respond when he is in the presence of Jesus, His Savior? What does this passage teach us about life, even in the womb? About faith?

Fri: How do Joseph's brothers feel about him? What do they plan to do? How does Reuben try to protect him? Did Reuben do enough? How did the brothers sin against the Fifth Commandment?

Sat: How did the priest and Levite break the 5th Commandment? How did the Samaritan keep the 5th Commandment. What more than not killing does this story teach us?

Verse of the Week: Psalm 139:16

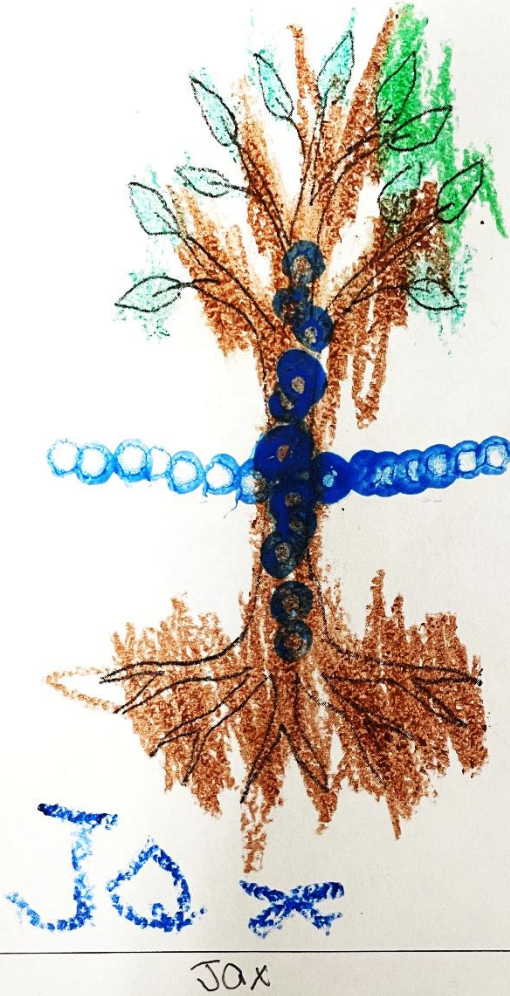
Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Hymn of the Season:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (LSB 656)

Rooted and built in Him...

Colossians 2:6-7



Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7