

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023

## “Patience in Tribulation”

### THE WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN #818 “In Thee Is Gladness”



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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*(please stand)*

### THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]*

C: Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE INTROIT** Psalm 37:5-7; *antiphon: Psalm 37:4* (ESV)

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,

**C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

P: Commit your way to the Lord;

**C: trust in Him, and He will act.**

P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

**C: and your justice as the noonday.**

P: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;

**C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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.**

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,

**C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This is the Feast"* (page 155 in the hymnal)

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain:**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain:**

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain:**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be lacking in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord" (Deut. 32:35). To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head" (Prov. 25:21-22). Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(page 205 in the hymnal)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C:** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what He has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C:** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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)*

## **THE BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR SEPTEMBER** ~ Psalm 27:1 (ESV)

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

# THE HYMN OF THE DAY #754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing  
 2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -  
 3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -  
 4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The  
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That  
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And  
 you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the  
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no  
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with  
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will  
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can  
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -  
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.  
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.  
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.  
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

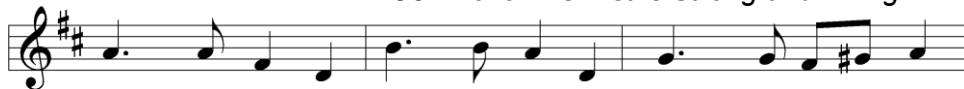
**5 O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound  
 Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.  
 In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm,  
 And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.**

**6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless  
 Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.  
 And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care  
 And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.**

**THE SERMON** *“Patience In Tribulation”* Text: Romans 12:9-21

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND HYMN**

**#706** *“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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*(please stand)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Each petition concludes with the response: “let us pray to the Lord,” “Lord, have mercy.”)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD** *(page 163 in the hymnal)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(please be seated)*

# THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## #628 "Your Table I Approach"



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 **O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.**
- 6 **Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.**

## #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.



# #685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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*(please stand)*

## THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Immanuel Lutheran Congregation**  
**501 Glad Street, Schleswig**

**INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL**  
**Calf Show Dinner**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**After the Parade — until 1:00 p.m.**

**Schleswig Community Building**



**Age 10 to Adult: \$12.00**

**Children 4-9: \$5.00**

**Children 1-3: \$2.00**

**Serving:**

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Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage,  
and Homemade Desserts**

**Carry-outs can be picked up**  
**in the City Building next to the Community Building.**  
**For deliveries, please phone the Church Office before**  
**Saturday, at 676-2235 during regular office hours.**