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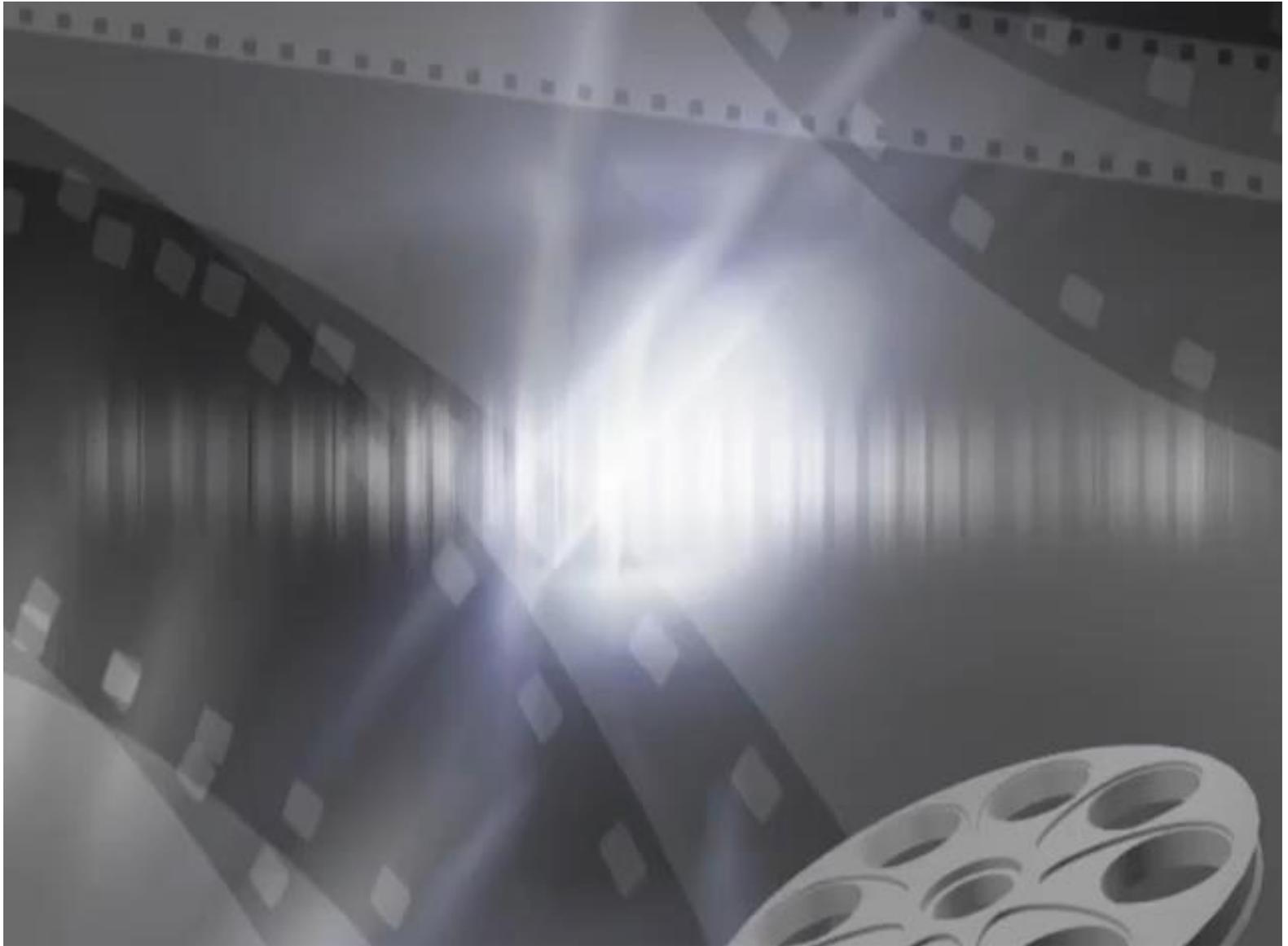
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

September 27, 2020

Worship Begins at 9:30 am

Gather some food and drink for communion





# I Saw The Light

Guitar & Vocal:  
Hal Kuempel

Words and Music by Hank Williams  
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If you are here for the first time, the first time back after a long time, or it's only been a week since we were together:

Welcome to all.



## **Candle Lighting Prayer**

A: Light of Christ,  
Shine on our path  
Chase away all darkness  
And lead us to the heart  
of God

**C: Amen**



## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.



**P: Faithful God,**

**C: have mercy on us.  
We confess that we are  
captive to sin and  
cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your  
loving embrace and go  
our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on  
one another before  
examining ourselves.**



**C: We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

# Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Vocalist: Bob Tanner  
Organist: Vernagene Mott

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

## First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

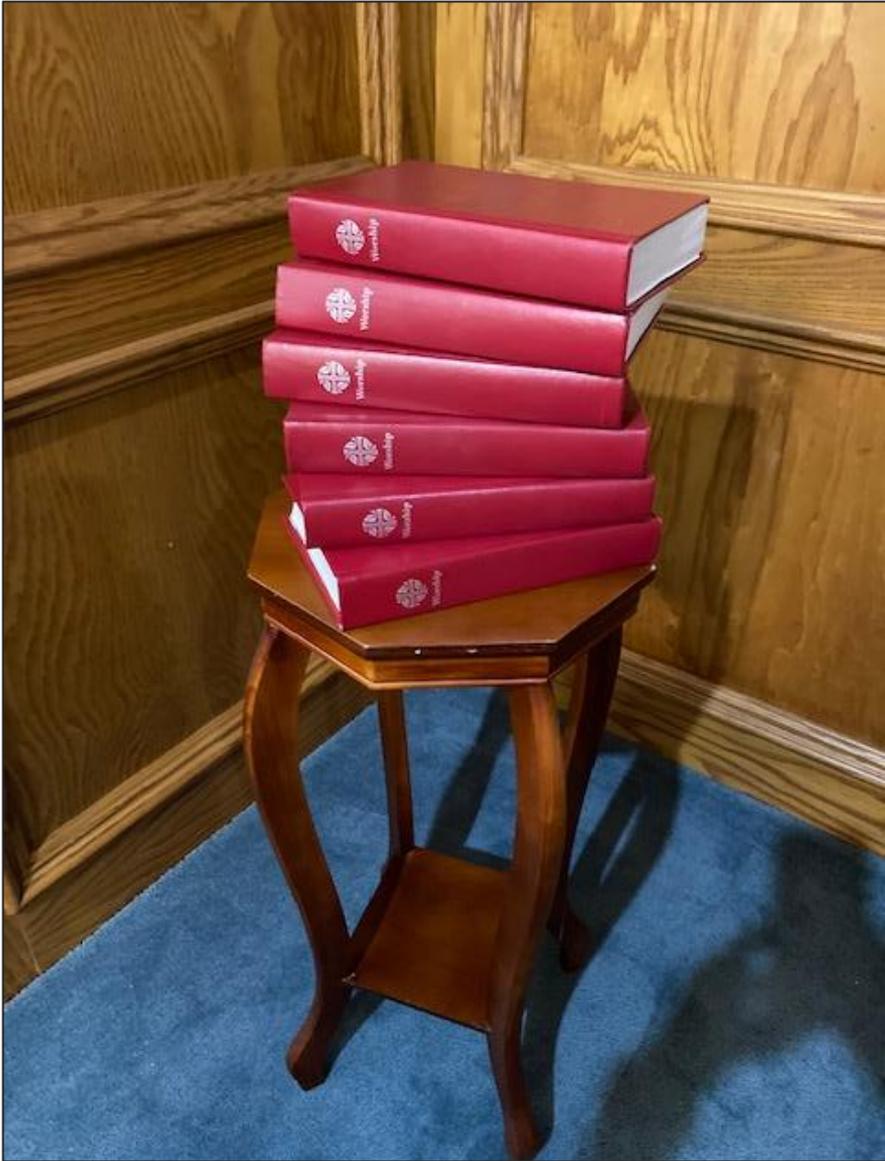
<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

<sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

A: The word of the Lord.

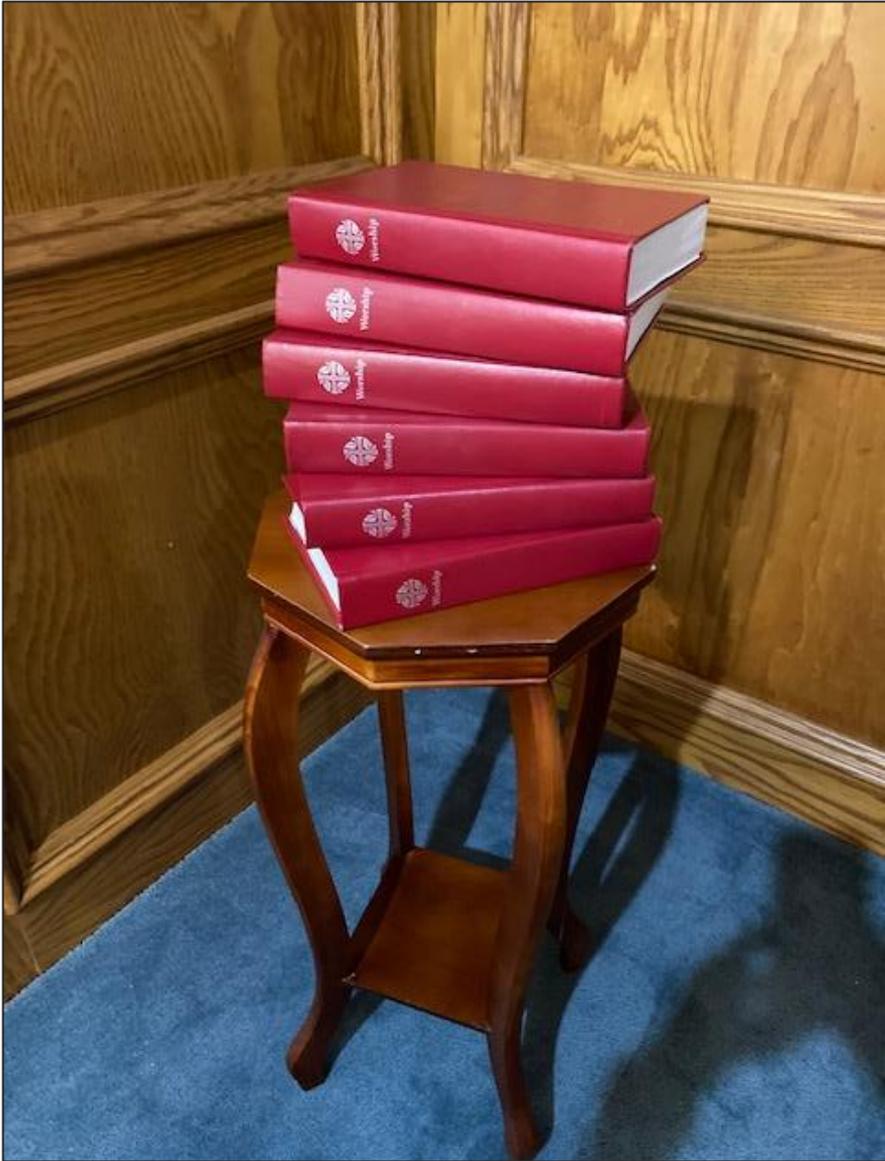
**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively)**

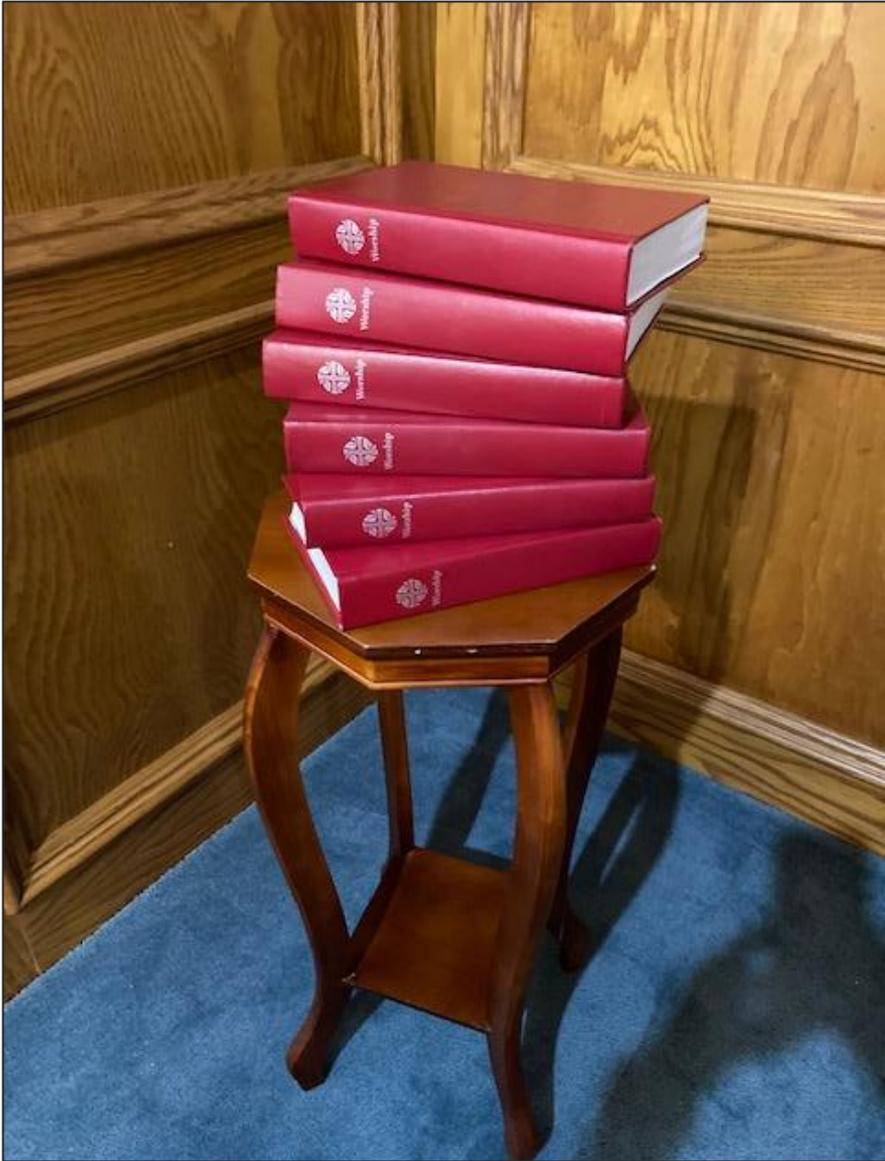
**<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up  
my soul.**

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I  
trust; do not let me be  
put to shame; do not let  
my enemies exult over  
me.**



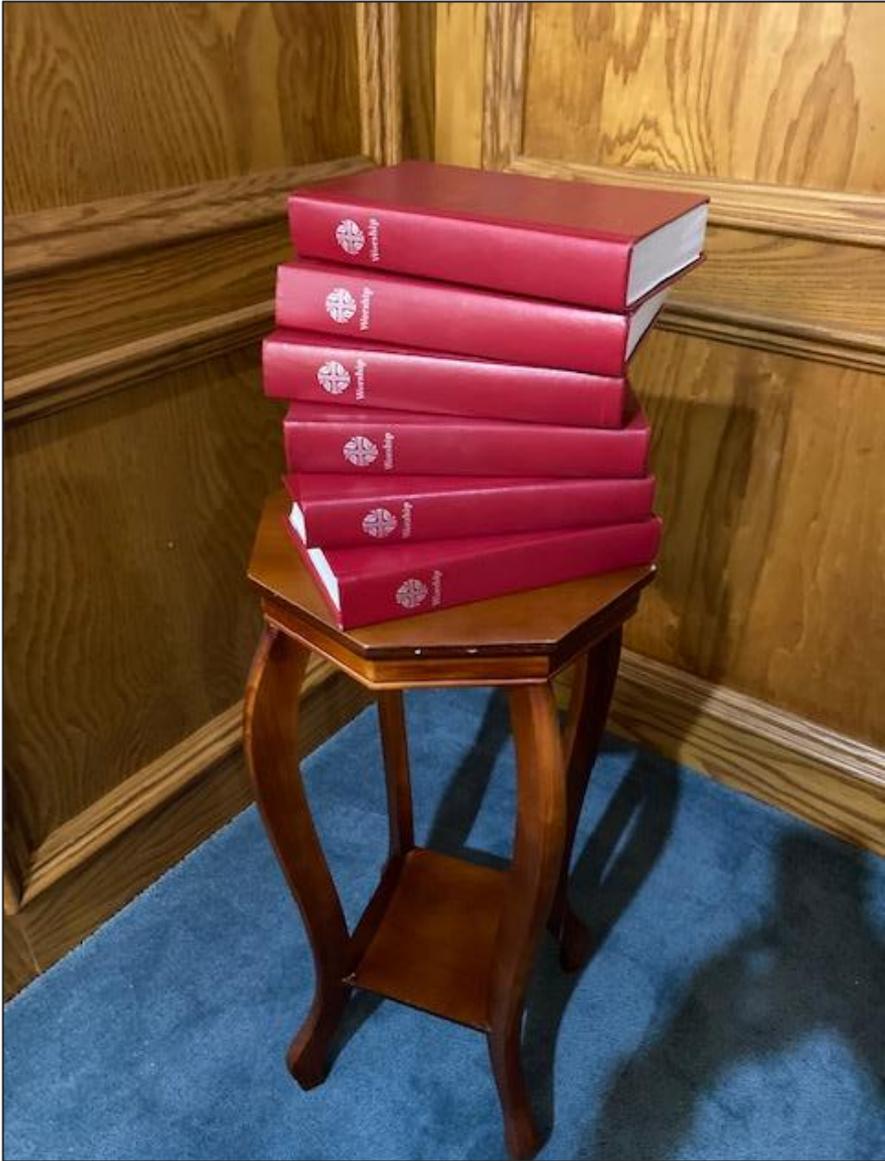
<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are want only treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**



<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**



<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>**He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**



# Children's Message



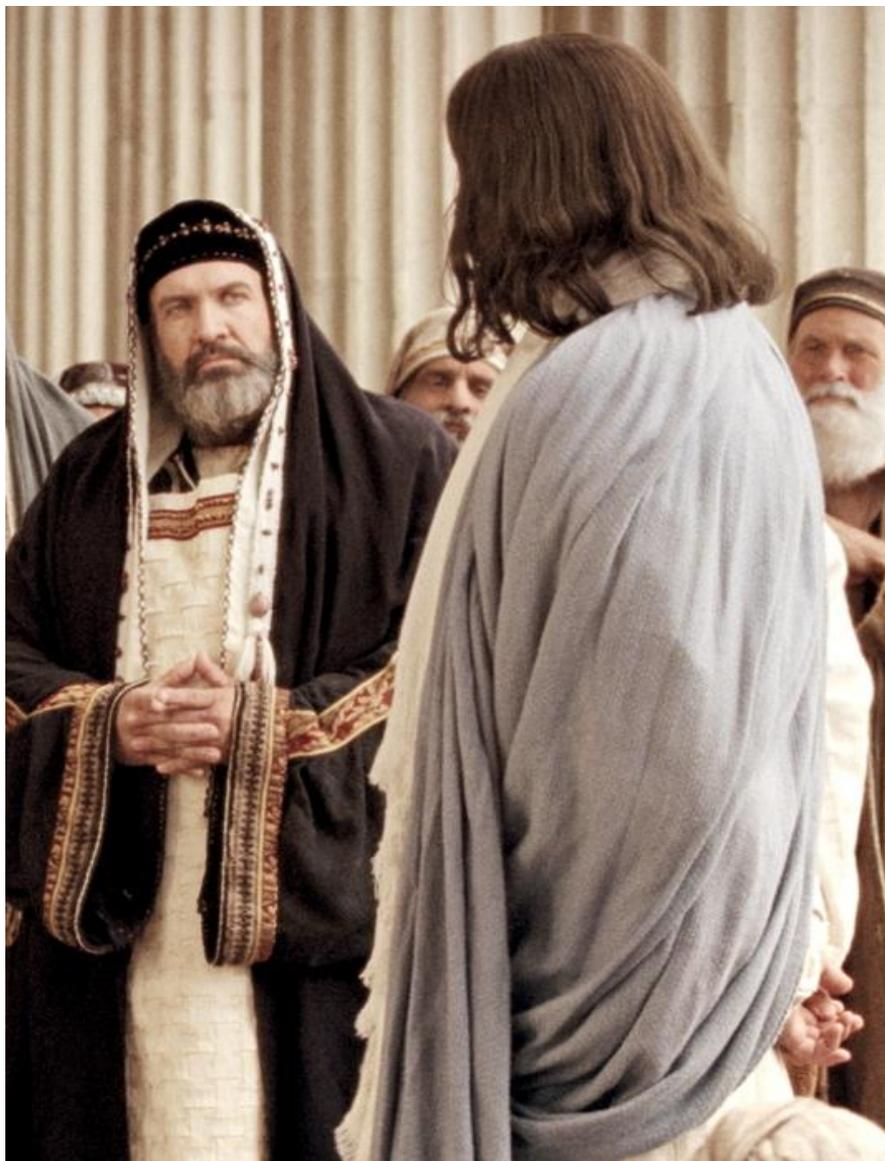
## Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”



<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’



<sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.



<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go.



<sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.



<sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

# **Sermon**

# **GUITAR & VOCALS: BRIAN MARKERT**

TEXT: EDDIE ESPINOSA, B. 1953

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Baptism

# Prayers of the People

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Throughout the globe is the church: many assemblies are postponed by the virus, our songs quieted, our leaders searching for new ways forward. That you will continue to inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ, we pray to you, faithful God.

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayers.**

Around us is a needy world: governments allow injustice, violence threatens stability, people experience prejudice, reforms are thwarted, workers are unemployed, medical facilities are strained, children are abused. That you will save the people in all the nations of the world, we pray to you, compassionate God:

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In our nation's courts, we see justice delayed and justice denied. Yet we thank you for the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and for her passion for equality under the law. That you will uphold honest judges and insightful juries throughout our criminal justice system, and that you will assist our nation in its task of filling the Supreme Court, we pray to you, righteous God:

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Around us are the sick: there is starvation, the virus continues, many persons receive no medical attention, our neighbors and dear ones are ill. That you will bless all ministries of care and will relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, we pray to you, merciful God, *especially for...*

Marie Davis

Elois Sakewitz

Virginia Weiss

Judy Tawater

Sandra Noton

Billie Becker

Robin Rankin

Donna Cearley

Fred Scott

Melvin Eilers

Eryn Emken

Meryl Singer

In their time, we pray for the family of Linda Gray.

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayers.**

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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500 Immanuel Road  
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# ILDS Penguins – This Is The Day



# Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

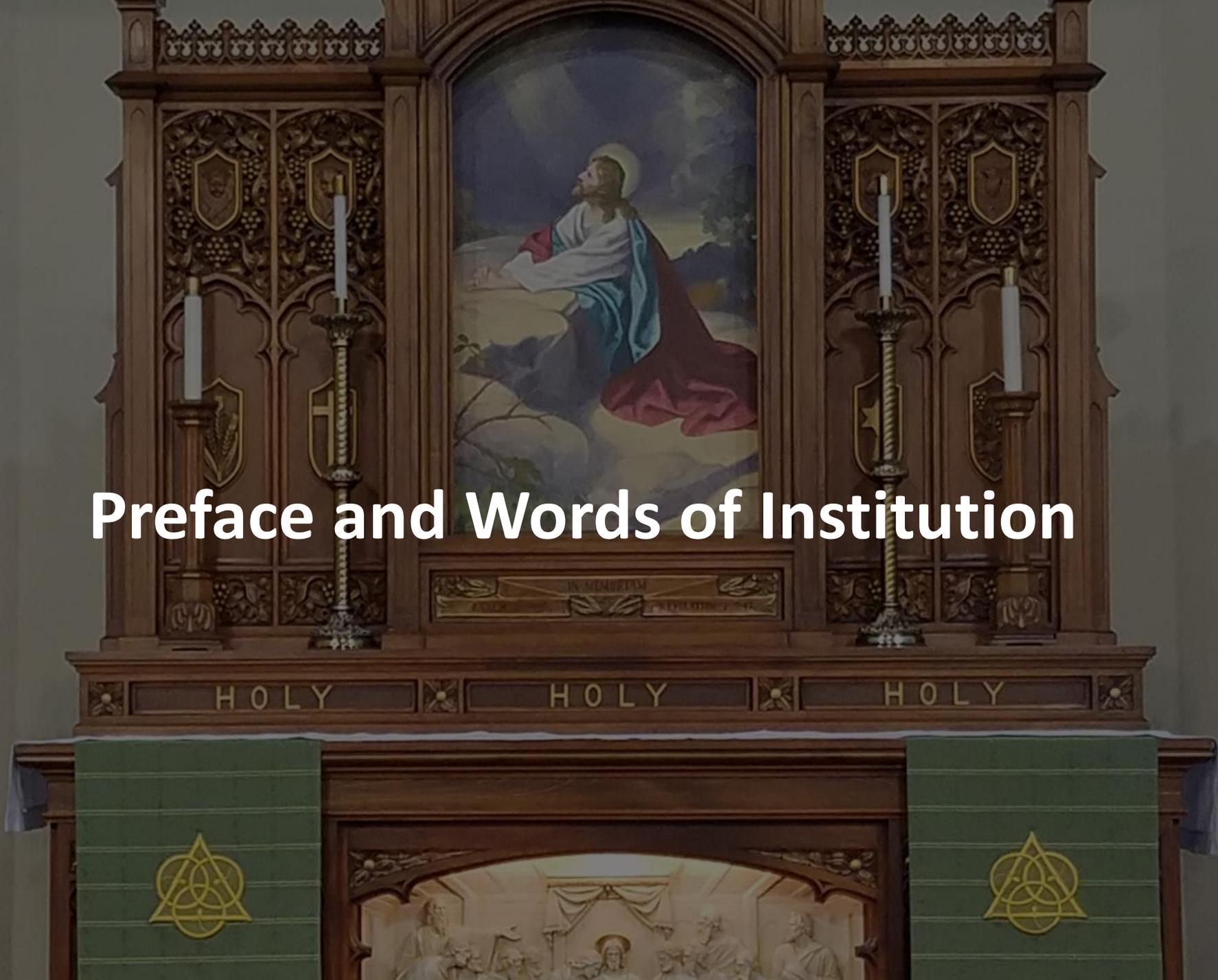
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# Preface and Words of Institution



# The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# **COMMUNION**

*You are invited to  
commune:*

*This is the body of Christ,  
given for you.*

*This is the blood of Christ,  
shed for you.*



# We're Forgiven

Guitar & Vocals: Brian Markert

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# Communion Blessing

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Thanksgiving at Conclusion of Service

B:Pastor Candice, on September 8, 2020 we of Immanuel Lutheran Church asked you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table.

B: With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

B: People of God, members of Immanuel, do you release Pastor Candice from service as your pastor?

**C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

B: Pastor Candice, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Immanuel Lutheran?

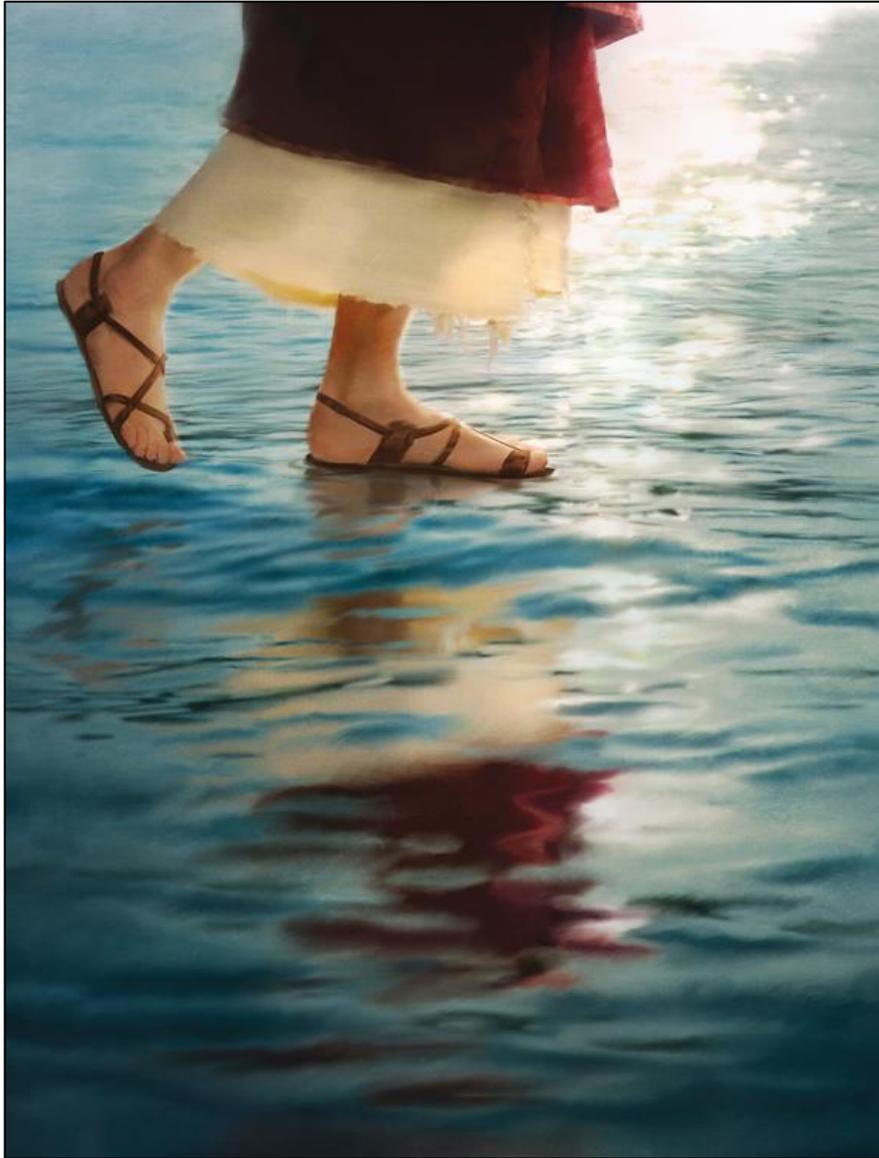
P: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Candice among the people of God in this place.

A: You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

A: Help Pastor Candice, her family, and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace.  
Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

