

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” *(Genesis 28:17)*

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School! In the Divine Service, we enter our Lord’s presence to be served by Him through Word & Sacrament. The service is not something we do for God. The liturgy is God’s work to bless and enliven us: He gives, we receive (Hebrews 8:1-6).

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, in which we receive Christ’s Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 11:22-25). As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Visitors who have not received Communion from Pastor Akers or Pastor Beinke are kindly asked to speak with one of them before approaching the altar for the first time. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES		
Prelude:	“What God Ordains Is Always Good”	arr. Benjamin M. Culli
Offertory:	“Meditation on ‘Neumark’”	Robert Graham
Postlude:	“March Magnifique”	Mark L. Williams

INTROIT *Inclina Domine* *Psalm 86:1a, 2b-4*



Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, | hear me:*
O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trust- | eth in Thee.
Be merciful unto me, | O Lord:*
For I cry unto Thee | daily.
Rejoice the soul of Thy | servant:*
For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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COLLECT
O Lord, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church: and because she cannot continue in safety without Thy help: govern her evermore by Thy favor; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

PROPHECY *1 Kings 17:6-16*
IN THOSE DAYS: The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”
And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ ”
So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

GRADUAL *Bonum est confiteri* *Psalm 92:1-2; Psalm 108:1*
It is a good thing to give thanks un- | to the LORD,*
And to sing praises unto Thy name, | O Most High.
To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the | morning,*
And Thy faithfulness | every night.
Alleluia, Alleluia. O God, my | heart is fixed;*
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Alle- | luia.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:25-6:10*
BRETHREN: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.
Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE	
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Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 6:24-34*

AT THAT TIME, Jesus said to His disciples: “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor

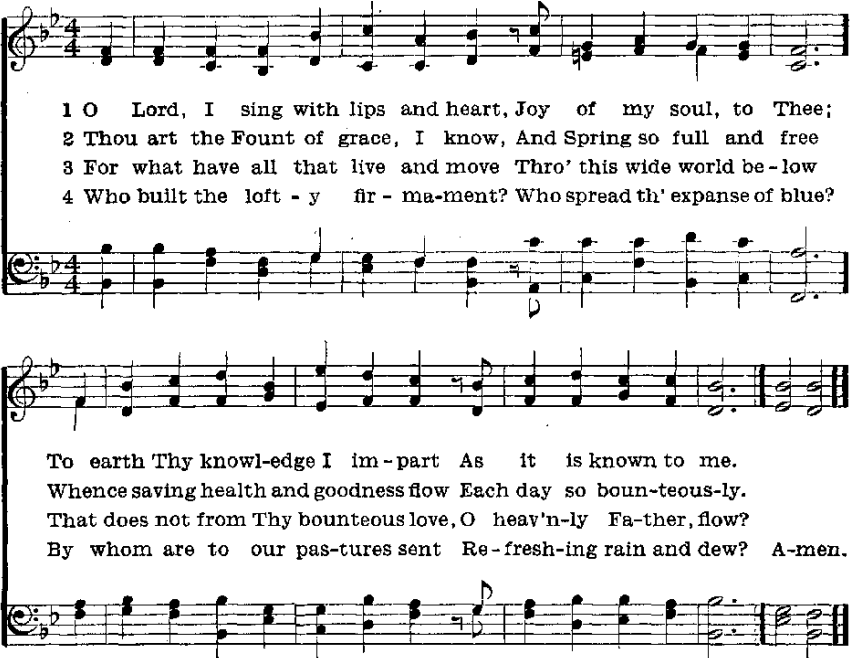
reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *“O Lord, I Sing with Lips and Heart”* TLH 569



1 O Lord, I sing with lips and heart, Joy of my soul, to Thee;
2 Thou art the Fount of grace, I know, And Spring so full and free
3 For what have all that live and move Thro' this wide world be-low
4 Who built the loft-y fir-ma-ment? Who spread th' expanse of blue?

To earth Thy knowl-edge I im-part As it is known to me.
Whence saving health and goodness flow Each day so boun-teous-ly.
That does not from Thy bounteous love, O heav'n-ly Fa-ther, flow?
By whom are to our pas-tures sent Re-fresh-ing rain and dew? A-men.

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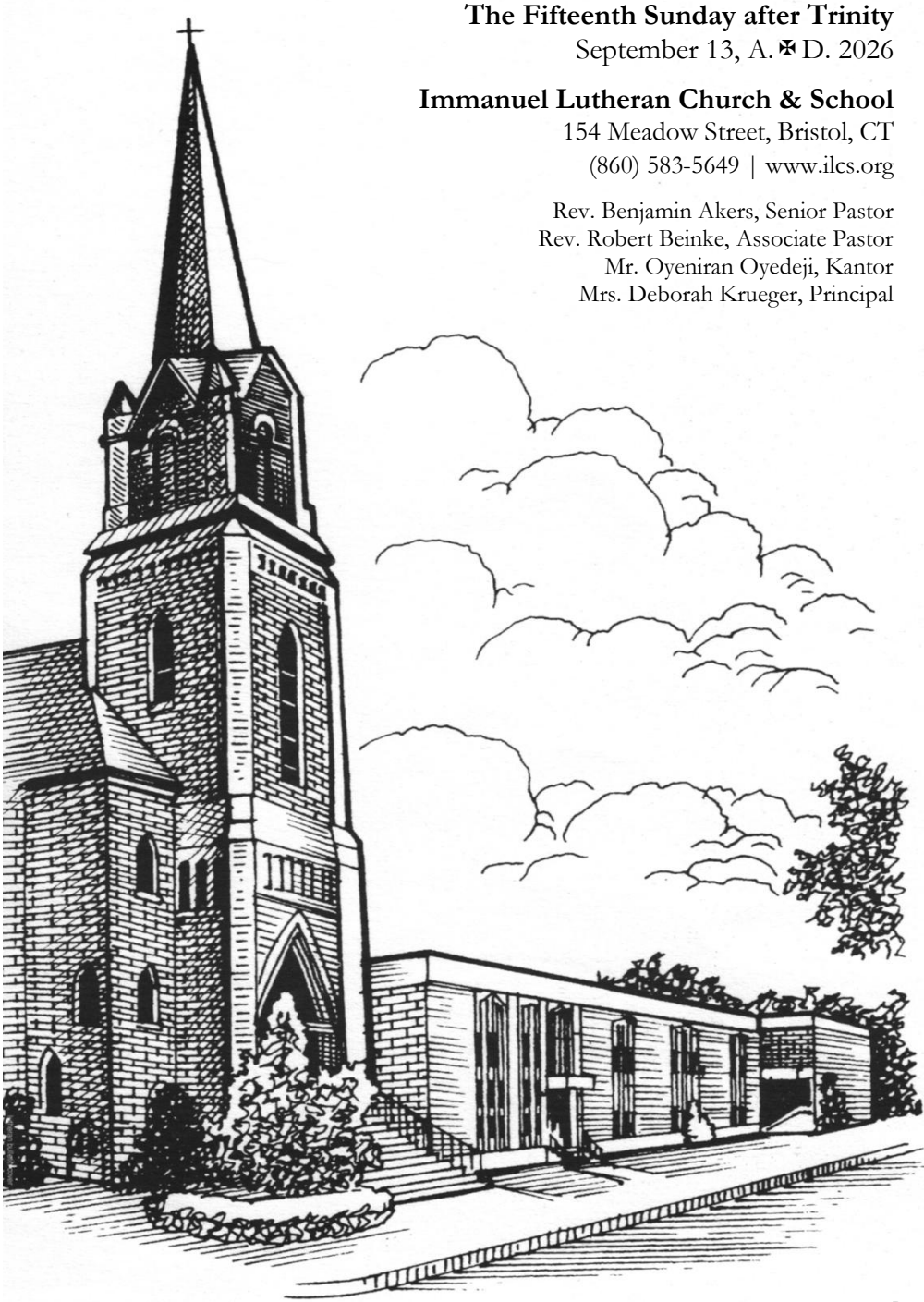
Who warmeth us in cold and rain?
Who shields us from the wind?
Who orders it that fruit and grain
We in their season find?
- 6

Who is it life and health bestows?
Who keeps us with His hand
In golden peace, wards off war's woes
From our dear native land?
- 7

O Lord, of this and all our store
Thou art the Author blest;
Thou keepest watch before our door
While we securely rest.
- 8

Thou feedest us from year to year
And constant dost abide;
With ready help in time of fear
Thou standest at our side.
- 9

Our deepest need dost Thou supply,
And all that lasts for aye;
Thou ledest to our home on high
When hence we pass away.



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