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**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

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**HYMN No. 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

- 1   Baptismal waters cover me  
    As I approach on bended knee;  
    My Father's mercy here I plead,  
    For grievous sins of thought and deed.
  
- 2   I look to Christ upon the tree,  
    His body broken there for me;  
    I lay before Him all my sin,  
    My darkest secrets from within.
  
- 3   Lord, may Your wounded hand impart  
    Your healing to my broken heart;  
    Your love alone can form in me  
    A heart that serves You joyfully.

4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word;  
Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;  
Through him Your hand now stretches out,  
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.

5 Baptismal waters cover me;  
Christ's wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father's strong embrace,  
With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **INTROIT – Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a**

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

P: I will tell of the decree:

**C: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

**C: and the ends of the earth your possession.**

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron

**C: and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

**C: be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

**C: and rejoice with trembling,**

P: for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**C: Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

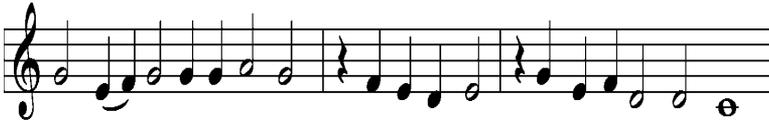
**C: and to the Holy Spirit;**

P: as it was in the beginning,

**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

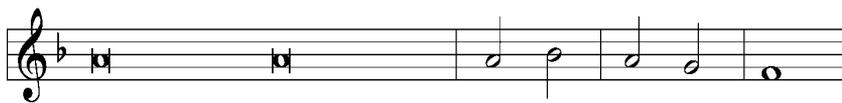
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**F** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



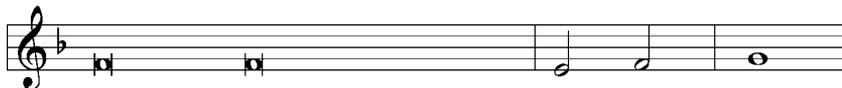
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



☐ A - men.

## Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

*But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm  
you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.*

*For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle – Romans 6:1-11**

*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

*For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died*

*with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

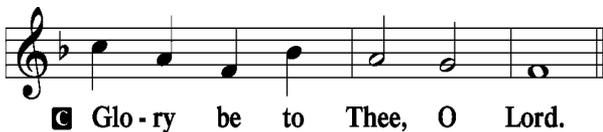
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA



## Holy Gospel – Luke 3:15-22

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



*As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

*So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.*

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, 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.**

**HYMN No. 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.**
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.**
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases Me."**
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.**

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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## SERMON

Text: Isaiah 43:1-7

Theme: Named and Claimed

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.  
*(there is a time for silent prayer)*

*After each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

*At the conclusion of the prayer:*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom  
we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore  
praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

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



♩ A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### Hymn No. 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,  
Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done,  
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

- 2** You were before your day of birth,  
Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth,  
None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood,  
Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.
- 3** But all of that was washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.
- 4** In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5** O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.
- 6** So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

## Hymn No. 547 The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!

### Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

### Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill.

### Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.

### Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.**

**Refrain**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

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**Hymn No. 605 Father Welcomes**

**Refrain**

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

**1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin.**

**Refrain**

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

**2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again.**

**Refrain**

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

- 3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God.**

**Refrain**

**Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

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**Hymn No. 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.**

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# THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

# SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. 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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## HYMN No. 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**1** I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

### Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**2** I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

### Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**Refrain**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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**WELCOME** - We welcome all worshippers to our services at Immanuel this week. As God comes to us in Word and in Sacrament may we experience His love and His power in the singing of praise and the living of our lives to His glory.

**VISITORS** - Welcome all visitors this week. Be sure to pick up a visitor packet from an usher or from our Information Rack in the east entrance.

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP PADS** -ALL members and visitors are asked to record their attendance at church and communion. Please return the record to the center aisle.

**SERVICE ENLARGEMENTS, LARGE PRINT HYMNS & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** - are now available for the service each week. It will include the service, hymns, and the insert of readings. They will be available at both entrances next to the bulletins. Please return them after the service.

**COMMUNION** - If you are not a member of Immanuel and have not previously taken Communion here, or if you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please speak with Pastor Kuhlman before the service. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TOTES** - are available at both entrances for children age kindergarten and younger. Please return them after the service.

**NURSERY** - Exit the southeast door, the nursery is the third door at the bottom of the stairs. The first door is the lounge where you may listen to the service on the speaker.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 8:30AM in the west Sunday school room. They are looking deeper into the Lessons of the Day for that Sunday Service.

**CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHURCH OFFICE** - If you need to meet, speak, or make an appointment with the Church Secretary the office is open on Monday and Wednesday. If you need to meet or speak to Pastor Kuhlman you can always reach him on his cell and at his home. **Please note that the church will be locked at all times unless two people are present.**

**FLOWERS** - The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Dennis Householder

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:** Tuesday – Bridge Builders 6:30PM

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY** will be today Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> following morning worship to review the year end.

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your kind and generous Christmas gift. In our prayers we thank God for you and your spirit of generosity. We look forward to the New Year and pray for every blessing in Christ for you.

*The Kuhlman's*

**BRIDGE BUILDERS** Winter Session will be January 11-March 15<sup>th</sup>. Fun, Friendships and Faith for Kids in 2022! All elementary kids invited! Every Tuesday from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Games, music, and more! Learn to build bridges by loving God and loving others.

**2022 IMMANUEL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will June 20 – 24, 2022. Stories, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Games and More!!  
**Put it on your calendar for 2022.**

**THE 2022 ALTAR FLOWER CHART IS UP!!** The cost for 2022 is \$30 for the 2 vases. We are in need of flowers for March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. If in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion, please make a note of that. Make checks payable to Immanuel Chancel Society and place it in their drawer in the east entrance. The Chart is hanging on the wall in the main entrance at the back of the church by the stairway.

**AVILLA FOOD PANTRY** - Please do not forget the needy people in our community. You may place your food donations in the box in the east entrance.

**BULLETIN BOARD** - Cross Connection; Worship for Shut-Ins;

**PRAYER LIST**- **Prayer for the sick & recovering:** Dan Phares, Tiffany Lawson, Myrtle Bohnenberger, Carole Bishop, Cheryl Chester, Dawn Reichhart, Owen VanGessel, Elizabeth Pfafman, young relative of a church member who is suffering mentally and parents who need wisdom and comfort.

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS** are now on our website. The announcements in the bulletin each week can be seen on our website **under Blog and then correct month.**

**INFORMATION RACK**- last week's bulletin; extra January Newsletters; Visitors Packet; January – March 2022 Portals of Prayer; Lutheran Witness; Cross Connection; Thrivent Dollars information; Lutherans for Life.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

Worship Attendance –Sunday – 43 + Jesus,  
*God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK:** Sunday: Children and Adult Sunday School 8:30AM, Morning Worship 9:30AM

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – The certainty of our faith lies in the dependability of God.