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*We share in Christ if in deed we hold our original confidence
firm to the end. Hebrews 3:14*

AS WE GATHER

Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gracious God serves us through Word and Sacrament, so that we may hold fast to Him—even as He holds us in His care! Today’s service will help us to treasure all that we’ve been given in our Savior, who is fully present among us by His Word and Spirit. Hold fast, for you share in Christ!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” #915

Please Stand

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God’s Word and our great need for Jesus.)

Pastor: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

People: **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the**

cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.

People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ **For He is our maker.**

VENITE

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;**

the strength of the hills is His also.

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

Please be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*
(Seek the Lord that you may live.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:12-19 (We have come to share in Christ.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

**Alleluia. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law
of Christ. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17-22*
(Jesus responds to a man seeking to inherit eternal life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read...)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(Found on the last page of your pew hymnal)*

Please be Seated

HYMN "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower" #694

SERMON Pastor Bill Geis

Please Stand and Sing

THE CANTICLE – TE DEUM *hymn #941*

Please be Seated

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please Stand and Sing: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

KYRIE

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that we sinners come to You in faith so that we may share in Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **we share in Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at Immanuel, in Kansas City and all Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.

Pastor: Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority and in leadership over us. Bless this land in which we live. Grant that all those who govern us do so diligently. Grant that all those who enforce our laws do so wisely. Grant that all those who serve us do so wholeheartedly. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, upon whose shoulders our government rests.

Pastor: Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. Especially we pray for Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Alice Vogt and Bill Hepting. We also pray for Leah Moore in her final weeks of pregnancy. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: we share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.

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

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Your grace goes before us and behind us. Your love is over us and beneath us. Your faithfulness will ever lead and guide us. By Your Word, draw us into Your presence and help us to treasure all that we share in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: 🎵 **Amen.**

HYMN “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” #920

POSTLUDE *“Postlude in Thirds” by McConnell*

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THE MESSENGER

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl, Alice Vogt and Bill Hepting. We also pray for Leah Moore in her final weeks of pregnancy.

OCTOBER PASTORS: 21st Pr. Harries; 28th: Pr. Rockemann

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING: \$1,415

VOTERS MEETING: We will have a voters meeting on today following the service and a light lunch.

LWML RALLY: The LWML Rally will be Oct. 23rd at Peace Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 9 am. \$5 fee includes lunch. Please RSVP by Oct.15th. Contact Rosalyn Hepting at 816.361.5183 if you are planning to attend or need a ride.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, October 21st is "**We Preach Christ Crucified**" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. In a classic message from 1955, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann talks about all the things that change-and the God Who doesn't. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.