

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WEEKEND WORSHIP – COPY FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Psalm 122:1*



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## ***Worship Notes***

### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 6, 2025***

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshipping with us today,  
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

#### THEME

Remembering and conveying truth is vital! Paul recounts his impressive Jewish credentials and yet confesses the truth—they are but rubbish. Through Isaiah, the Lord reminds us of the exodus—God's divine action of destruction and rescue. Jesus addresses the Pharisees with divine truths embedded in a parable. God owns the vineyard tended by corrupt religious leaders; the servants are the rejected prophets, and the beloved Son is Jesus. These are divine truths—by God's design, Jesus' destruction is imminent, but resurrection is forever.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

This morning we follow Setting One of the Divine Service, introduced to the LCMS in 1982 in *Lutheran Worship*. During the season of Lent the Church has traditionally omitted the Gloria in Excelsis and alleluias to emphasize the penitential nature of the season.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

The 17<sup>th</sup> century in England was a golden age of Christian poetry, including today's hymn of the day. The text to *My Song is Love Unknown* was written by Samuel Crossman (1625-84) in about 1664. Even though this hymn is quite old, it didn't appear in LCMS hymnals until 1982. Crossman preceded Isaac Watts in writing English hymns in a free use of Scripture as opposed to the common practice of writing metrical paraphrases of the psalms or other portions of Scripture. This beautiful Lenten text has a strong, naïve directness, and was originally intended to be read, and not sung. The "love unknown" that constitutes this "song" is the love of Christ for sinners; specifically "my Savior's love to me." The love is unknown not only because many people don't realize what Christ *has* done for them, but also because God alone makes it known through the Gospel, revealing a love that is unfathomable to human reason and beyond all understanding.

The haunting melody, known as LOVE UNKNOWN, was written (*according to legend*) in 15 minutes on a scrap of paper by John Ireland in 1919 after he was asked for a setting to go with this text. It is a very unusual and attractive tune, with its art song-like character and irregular rhythm!

## *What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper*

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

*Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?*

*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?*

*Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?*

*Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?*

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)<sup>4</sup> or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Divine Service, Setting One

### Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship

#### Hymn - Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### **Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

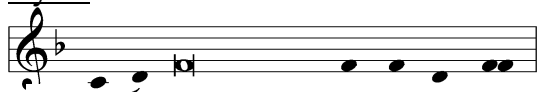
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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.

# Kyrie

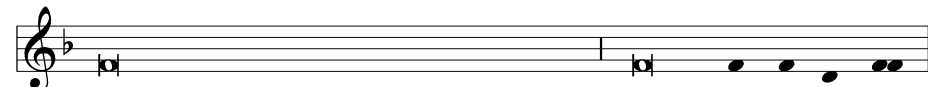
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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



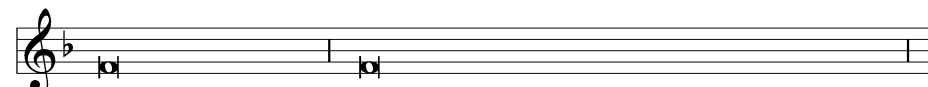
**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



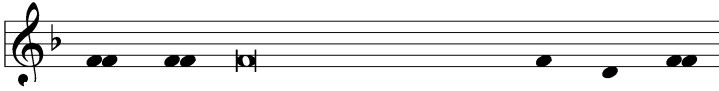
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

*God is making a way for His chosen people.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody

*Psalm 126*



**C** <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
we were like | those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\*  
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for  
them.”\*

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,\*  
like streams in the | Negeb!

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sow in tears\*  
shall reap with | shouts of joy!

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing,\*  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his | sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8-14*

*“I press on toward the goal.”*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.





Hymn - My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
*Men* 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
*Women* 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Our prayers conclude:*

**P** O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings**

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



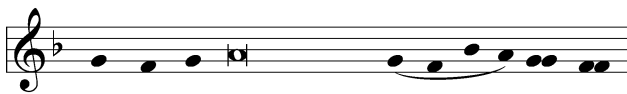
**C** And al - so with you.



**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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 Confession

- P** The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
- C** **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.**  
**I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.**  
**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life.**  
*(Augsburg Confession - Article X)*  
**I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others. (Romans 12:1)**

## Consecration - 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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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

LSB 163

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



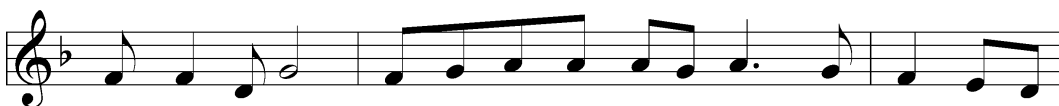
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.



Sit

## Reception of the Lord's Supper

Hymn - Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



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 - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 **O grant, most blessèd 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.**

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Hymn - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685



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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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 165



**Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -**



**filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -**



**pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -**



**veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.**



**Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;**



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray:

**C** 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 in 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. Amen.

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

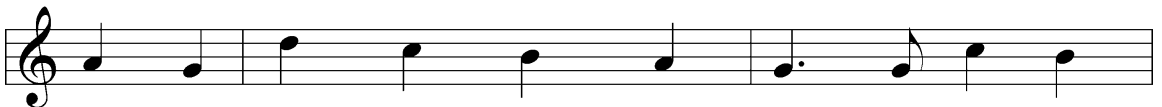
*Sit*

**Hymn - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

*LSB 575*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## **Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude**

*All Immanuel members and our guests are asked to complete one of the worship attendance cards found in the pew racks. You can give your card to an usher as you leave worship. Guests are also asked to sign the guest book found in the outer narthex!*

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*You may prepare for next weekend, Palm Sunday, by reading:*

**John 12:12-19**

*Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.*

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

*"Rejoice, Jerusalem, Your King Comes to You."*

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24**

*"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."*

**Philippians 2:5-11**

*"He ... became obedient to the point of death."*

**John 12:20-43**

*Jesus predicts His death.*



At Immanuel Lutheran Church, we  
are committed to living out our mission:



**“Connected in Jesus | Compassion for All”**

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Rory Karg  
Preacher: Vicar Joshua Horst  
Lector: 8:00 – Seminarian Steven Steingraber 10:30 – Seminarian Andrew Cole  
Organist: Clayton Klein  
Elders: 8:00 – Bump Trower 10:30 – Pete Seddon  
Acolytes: 8:00 – Henry Greatens & Oscar Niewald  
10:30 – Connor Wells & Elaine Zhang  
Ushers: Team A – Jeff Carter & Jerry Watkins, Head Ushers

*Chancel Flowers*

*The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God by Christy Arbet in celebration of her birthday!*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL  
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!**