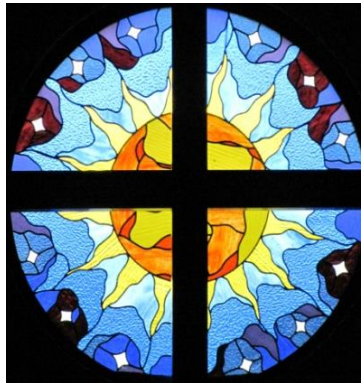


Immanuel Lutheran Church

9 a.m. Worship

Live Stream / Conference Call

Sundays September 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2020



Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!

*God's Grace and Peace to YOU
through our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!*

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*All those who are able please stand

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Hear God's love!

C: We hear God's love, for the world and for us, through forgiveness, scripture, preaching, liturgy, and song.

P: Hear God's love!

C: Holy God, open our ears to hear and our hearts to be transformed by Christ's words of love to and for the world. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.



P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1 *



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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***GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #167

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES September 27, 2020

Liturgy on page 20

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING

14th Sunday after Pentecost: September 6, 2020

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

15th Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 2020

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

16th Sunday after Pentecost: September 20, 2020

Jonah 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

17th Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

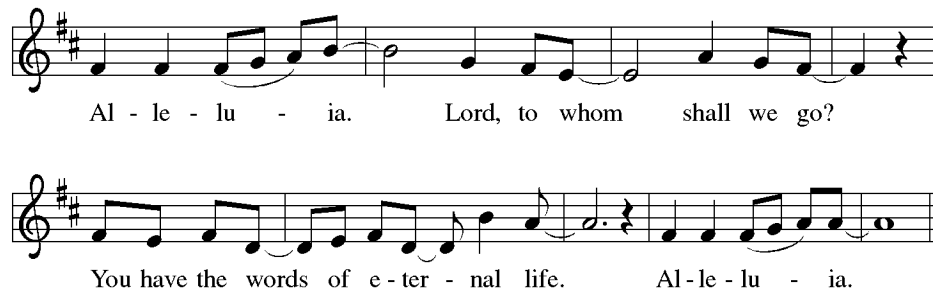
14 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 6, 2020	Psalm 119:33-40
15 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 2020	Psalm 103:8-13
16 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 20, 2020	Psalm 145:1-8
17 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 2020	Psalm 25:1-9

SECOND READING

14 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 6, 2020	Romans 13:8-14
<i>The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.</i>	
R: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.
15 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 2020	Romans 14:1-12
<i>This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.</i>	
R: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.
16 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 20, 2020	Philippians 1:21-30
<i>Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.</i>	
R: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.
17 th Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 2020	Philippians 2:1-13
<i>As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ’s selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.</i>	
R: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship,
Setting 6, page 171



*GOSPEL

14th Sunday after Pentecost: September 6, 2020

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

15th Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 2020

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

16th Sunday after Pentecost: September 20, 2020

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

17th Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 2020

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the ____ chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION SERVANT PROJECTS

September 13, 2020

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM September 20, 2020

Liturgy on pages 16-19

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.



P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***HOLY COMMUNION** September 13, 2020

Liturgy on pages 14 – 15

OFFERING

During this time of social distancing, we continue to give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. Please mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: luthwash.org.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, ...through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: O God of justice and love, ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



***BENEDICTION**

P: Christ has no body
 But yours,...

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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*DISMISSAL

P: You have heard love.

C: We have heard Christ's love!

P: You are filled with Christ's love!

C: We will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
"CAR HOP COMMUNION"
IMMANUEL'S PARKING LOT 10:30 A.M. – 11 A.M.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, ...through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Friends of Jesus, come to the table and eat Christ's love. Receive nourishment for your journey.

PRE-POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of the welcome table, in this meal ... through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

TAYLOR LYNN BARTHOLOMEW

CAITLIN CAREY KROLL

EMMA JACQUELINE LUECK

MIKAILA LIN MATHESON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Presentation

At the conclusion of the hymn of the day confirmands and mentors gather with Pastor Howard at the baptismal font. Congregation is seated.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, Caitlin Carey Kroll, Emma Jacqueline Lueck, and Mikaila Lin Matheson one with us in the body of Christ who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The mentors present the confirmands making their affirmations.

Katie McWhirter: I present Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Danielle Six: I present Caitlin Carey Kroll, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

April Six: I present Emma Jacqueline Lueck, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Char Andersen: I present Mikaila Lin Matheson who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, Caitlin Carey Kroll, Emma Jacqueline Lueck, and Mikaila Lin Matheson whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

Pastor Howard addresses the confirmands.



P: Sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmands Respond: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmands Respond: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so respond: I renounce them.

Confirmands Respond: I renounce them.

Pastor Howard addresses confirmands and the congregation. Congregation stands.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor Howard and confirmands move to the Chancel. Confirmands' mentors move to the front pew.

***Prayers of Intercession**



P: Let us pray for Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, Caitlin Carey Kroll, Emma Jacqueline Lueck, and Mikaila Lin Matheson who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

Pastor Howard addresses the confirmands.



P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmands respond individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor Howard addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, Caitlin Carey Kroll, Emma Jacqueline Lueck, and Mikaila Lin Matheson and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C: Amen.

The confirmand kneels on kneeler; confirmand's family surrounds confirmand at kneeler,

congregation is invited to join confirmand's family at kneeler. Mentor goes to the pulpit.

Mentor reads confirmation verse, explanation, personal Creed, and prays confirmand's confirmation prayer.

Pastor Howard lays hands upon confirmand. Confirmand's family, mentor, and congregation are also invited to lay hands upon confirmand.



P: Father in heaven, through water and the Spirit you have made Taylor Lynn Bartholomew / Caitlin Carey Kroll / Emma Jacqueline Lueck / Mikaila Lin Matheson your own. You forgave all her sins and brought her to newness of life. For Jesus' sake, stir up in Taylor / Caitlin / Emma / Mikaila the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

Confirmand: Amen.

Gifts are bestowed upon the confirmed.

Taylor Lynn Bartholomew, Caitlin Carey Kroll, Emma Jacqueline Lueck, and Mikaila Lin Matheson face the congregation. A council member addresses the congregation. Congregation stands.

Scott Bartholomew: Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

God's people may greet one another by bowing as a sign of Christ's peace.

Worship continues with receiving of our offerings

Liturgy on page 10

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Taylor Black, Nathan Giesmann, William McWhirter, Lason Montz, Ainsley Six, and Grace Taylor, along with his parents, are invited to come forward to the chancel.

P: O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me".

C: Teach us your ways, O God.



THE BIBLE

P: The Bible is the living Word of the creative, redeeming, and living God. ... Parents receive the Holy Scriptures as a gift from Immanuel Lutheran.

Parents are given a Bible

P: Parents I ask you, will you ... If so respond, "I will, with God's help".

Parents: "I will, with God's help."

CHILDREN

P: Taylor, Nathan, William, Lason, Ainsley, and Grace I ask you, will you read and study the Bible together with your parents? If so respond, "I will, with God's help".

Youth: "I will, with God's help."

CONGREGATION

P: People of God, will you help Taylor, Nathan, William, Lason, Ainsley, and Grace, their parents, and all the children of Immanuel Lutheran and their parents to read and study the living Word of God? So that we all may develop a practice that leads to a lifetime of Bible reading, study, and revelation. If so, respond "We will, with God's help."

C: "We will, with God's help."

P: As disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge the Holy Scriptures as our source of truth and life. Taylor, Nathan, William, Lason, Ainsley, and Grace, receive your Bible with your hands, your heart, and your mind.

Parents repeat after me as you give your child their Bible: *child's name*, receive this Bible. Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories. Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.