

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran!



**15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 2, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.

Come, let us partake in him.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

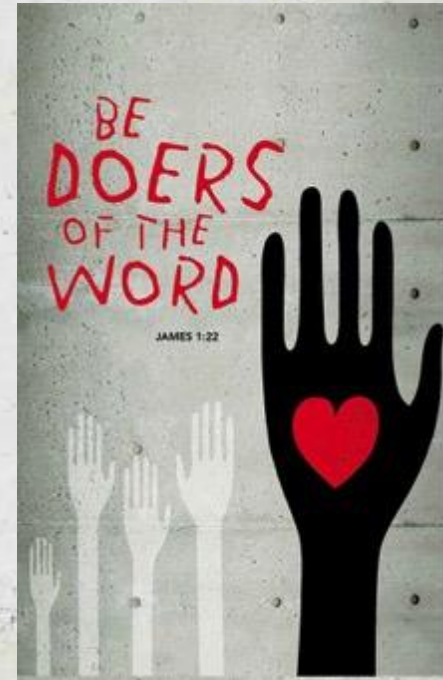
Come, let us worship him.

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Come, let us abide in him.

In the name of the Father, ✝ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,

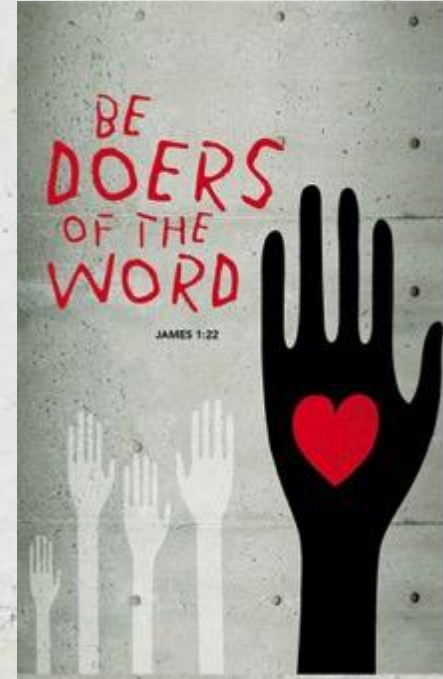
Amen.



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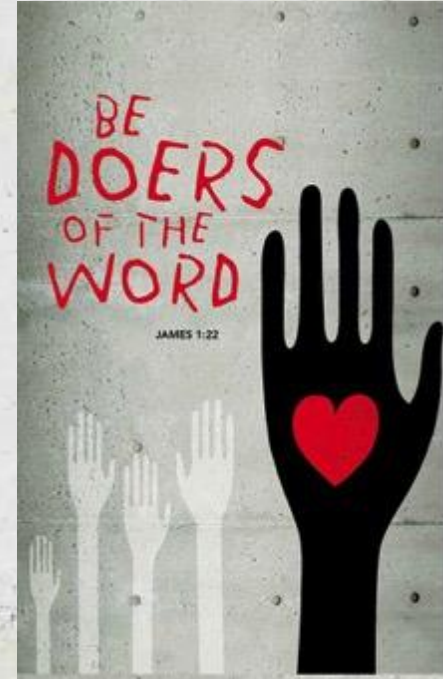
Gathering Song – “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” *ELW 717*

- 1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
- 2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.



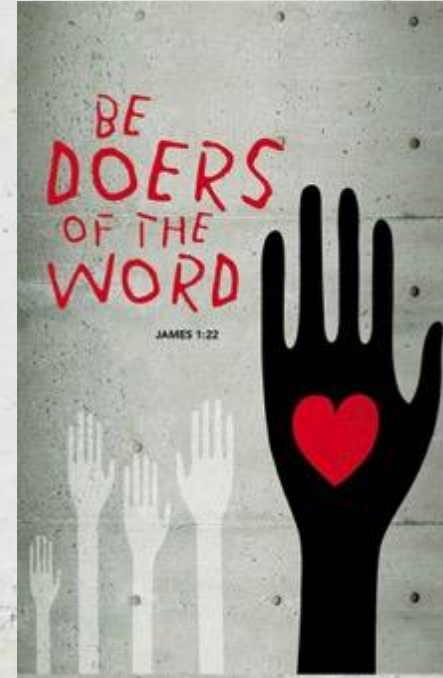
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3 So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true, and justice,
right, and peace pervade this world our
whole life through.



Welcome

- Please take a moment to sign the *Friendship Pads*.
- We will be celebrating *holy communion*. All are welcome.



Living in God's Grace as a Neighbor to the World

Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

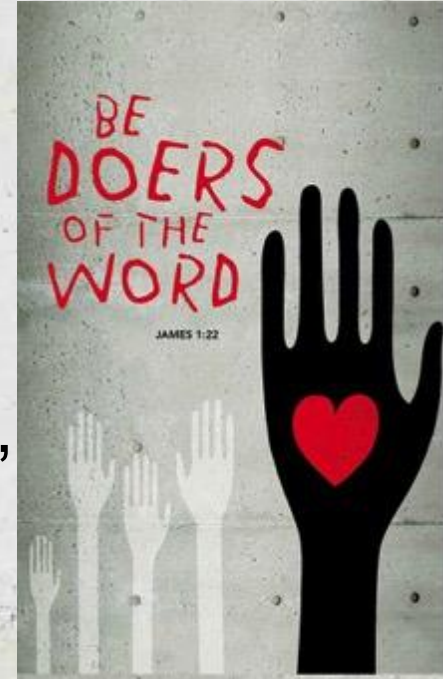
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Confession and Forgiveness

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God **✝** forgives you all your sins.

Amen.



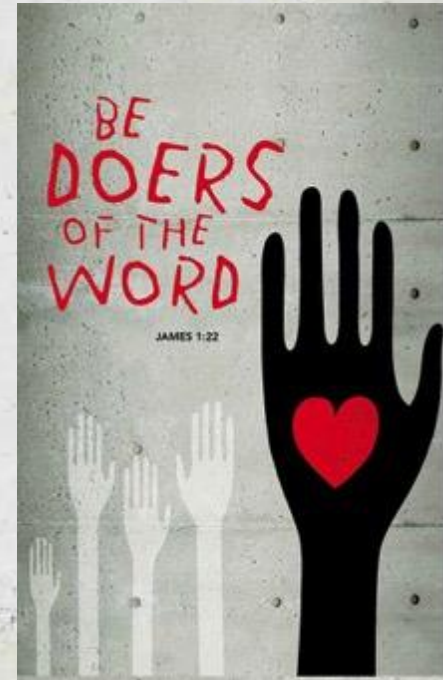
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Canticle of Praise – *ELW* p. 169

Please join in singing:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. (*sing twice*)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

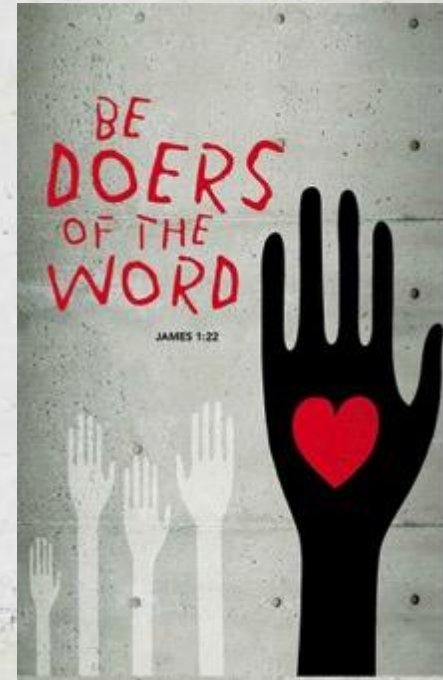


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Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.



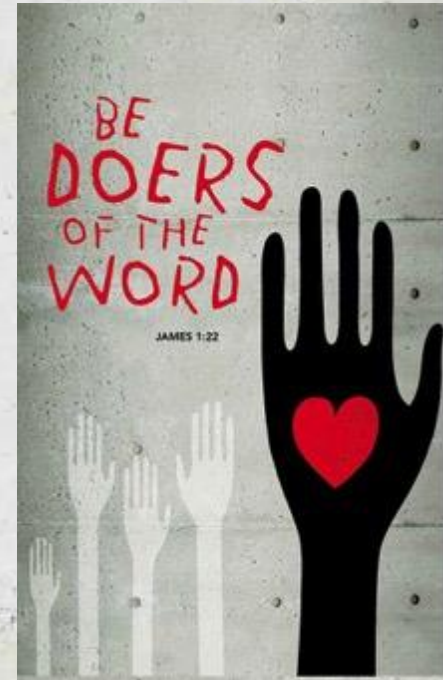
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**For the Lamb who was slain has
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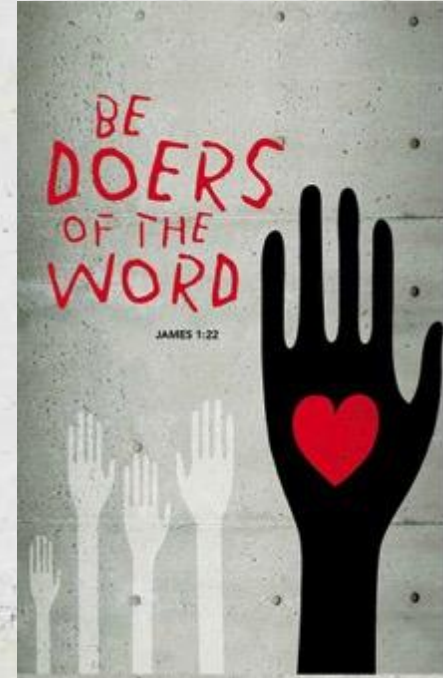
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Apostolic Greeting

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

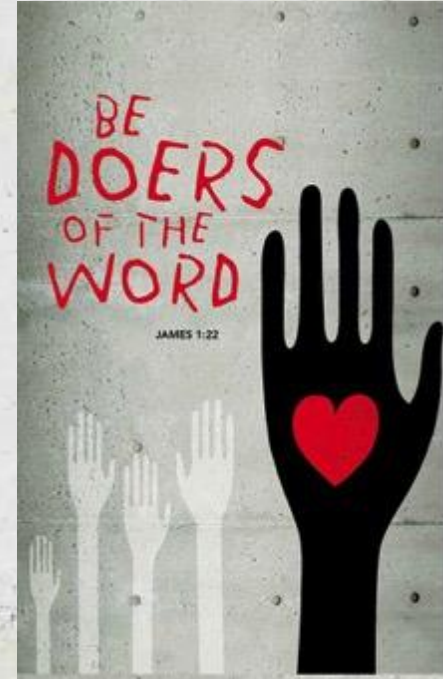
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God our strength,
**without you we are weak and wayward
creatures. Protect us from all dangers
that attack us from the outside, and
cleanse us from all evil that arises
from within ourselves, that we may be
preserved through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



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Psalm 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

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Psalm 15

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

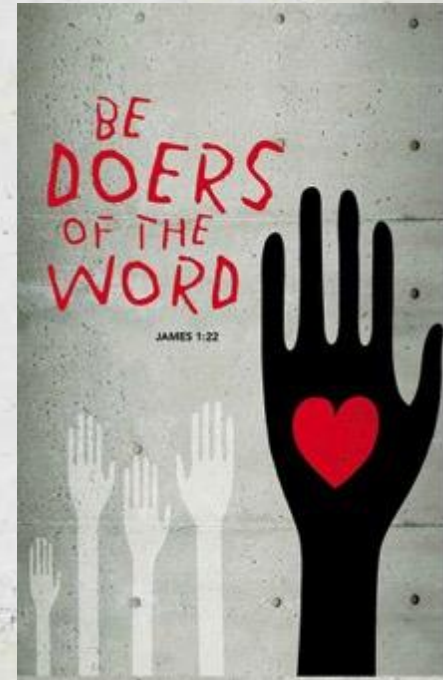
⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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Children's Time

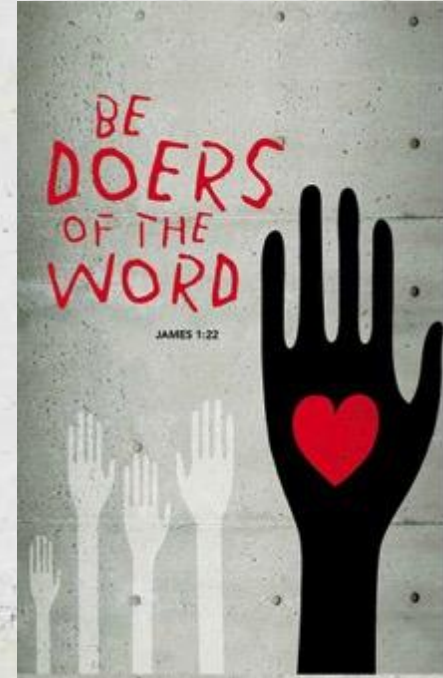
All those young (and young at heart) are welcome to come forward for a special time with the Pastor



Gospel Acclamation – *ELW* p. 171

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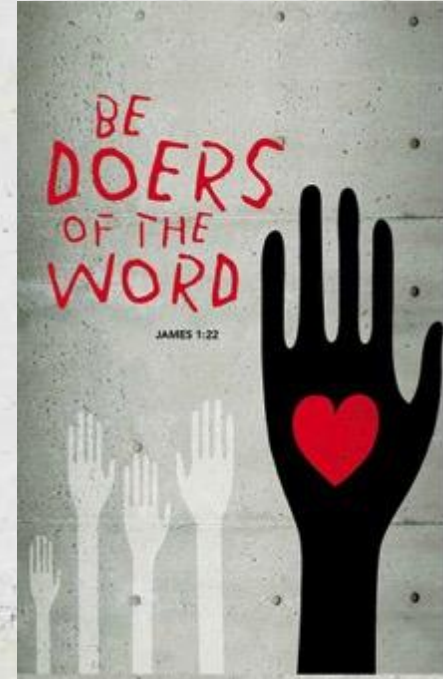
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**



Journey with Jesus through John

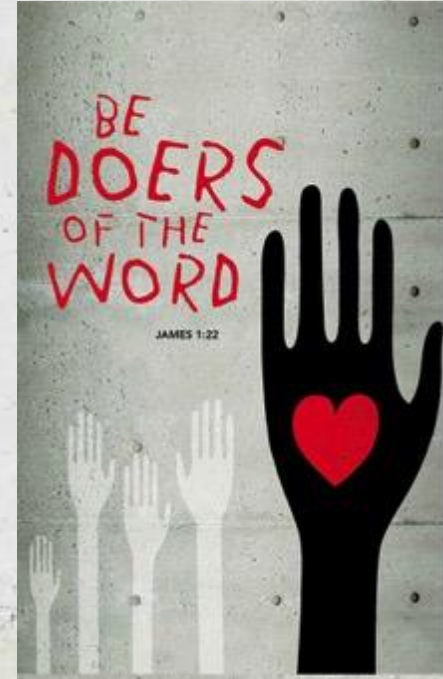
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- *Reading – John 9:1-7*
- Song – ELW 793 v. 1
- Reflection – “Baptism”
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- Song – ELW 793 v. 3
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- Song – ELW 793 v. 4



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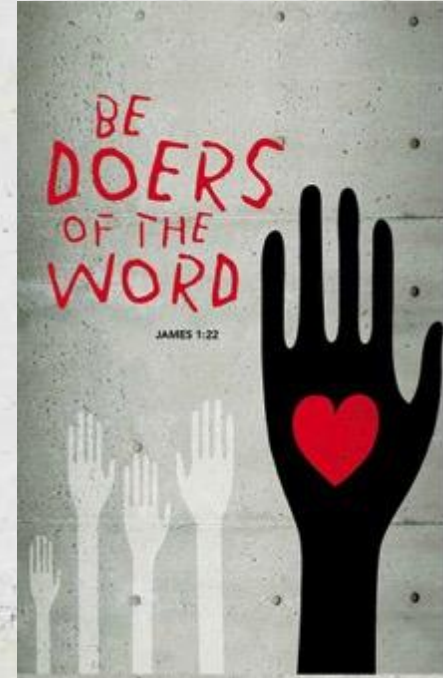
- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that
thou art: thou my best thought both by
day and by night, waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.



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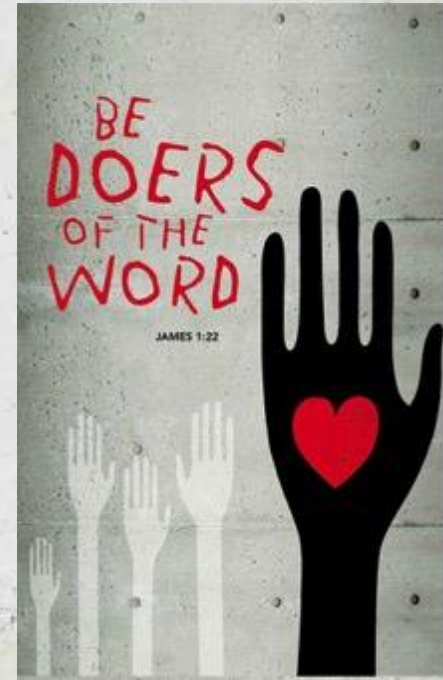
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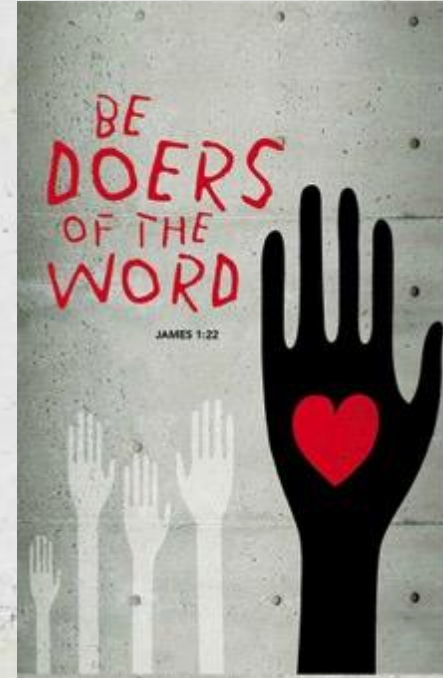
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.



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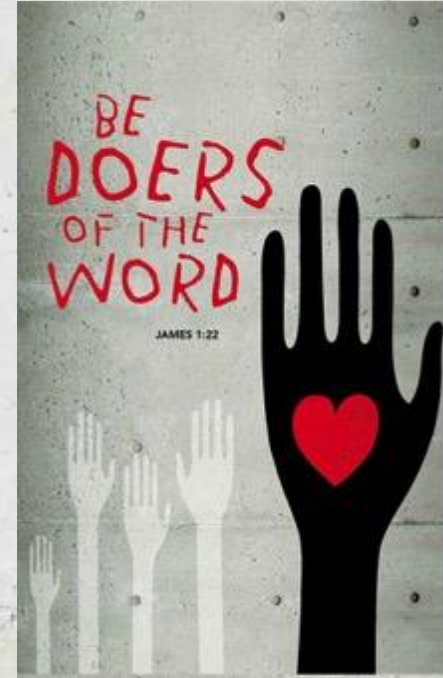
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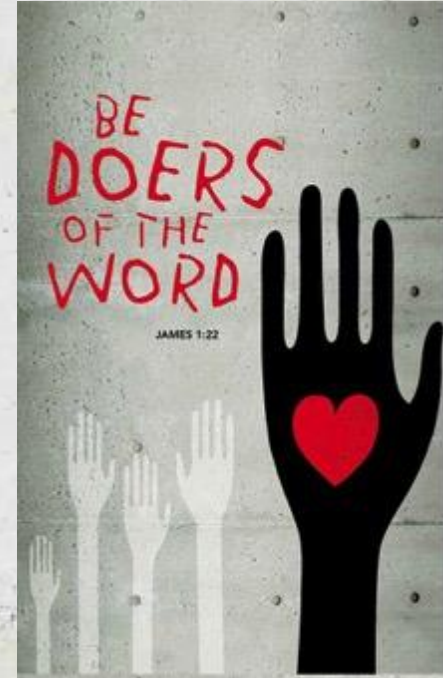
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty
praise, thou mine inheritance, now and
always: thou and thou only, the first in
my heart, great God of heaven, my
treasure thou art.



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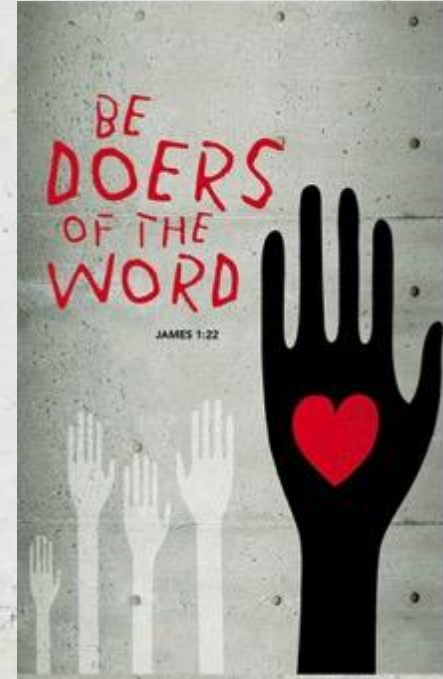
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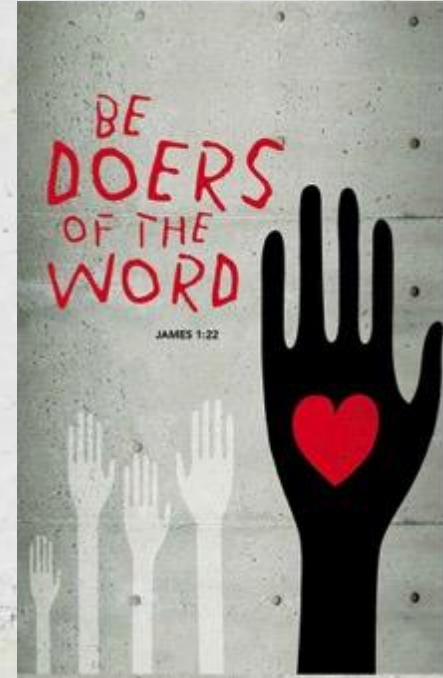
4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may
I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



Apostles' Creed

We are made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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



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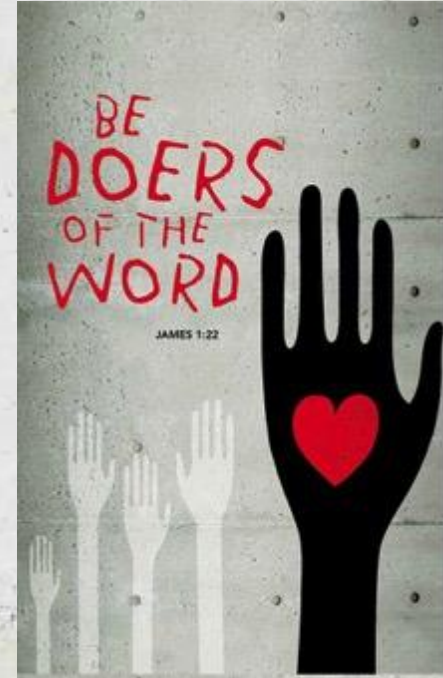
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I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended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

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Apostles' Creed

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.



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Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Concerns



- Members – **Don Rebholz; Marilyn Ward; Keith Eich; Gene Williams;** *the family of Claremont Mathesius at his death; Don Schmidt, Mary Ellen Schroeder*
- Friends & Family – **Joyce Fassig; Brandi Bailey** (*Jean Albert's granddaughter*);
- Our Leaders - *ELCA Bishop - Elizabeth Eaton; NIS Bishop - Jeffrey Clements; Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish Pastor Jeff Schlesinger*

Are there additional prayer requests?

Prayers of Intercession

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

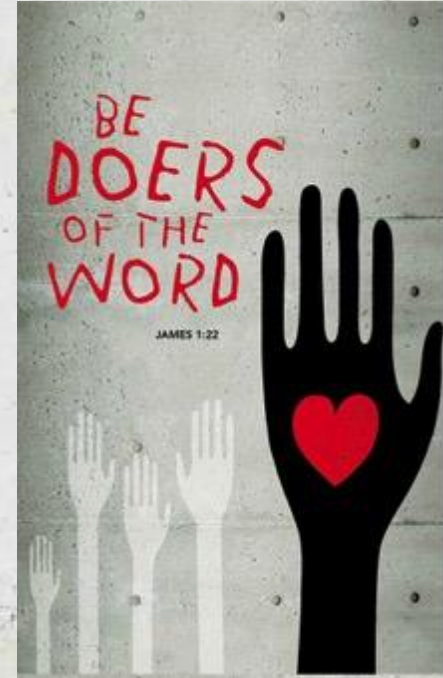
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Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.

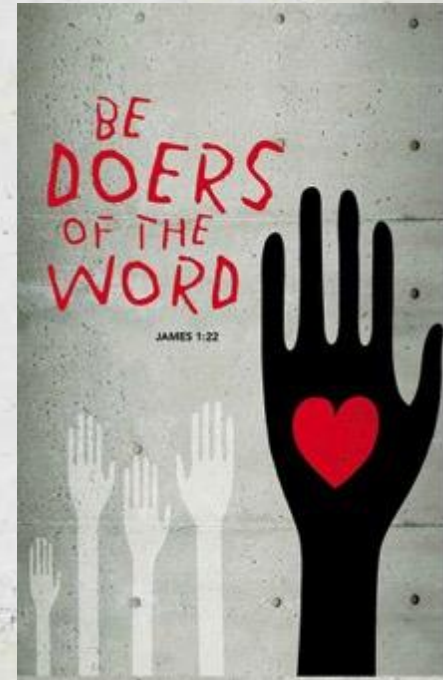
*Please turn to those around you and
share a sign of God's peace.*



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Offering

*We respond to God's grace by offering what God has first given us so that the good news of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed through the ministries of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Thank you** for your generous response.*



Offering Song – “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” – *ELW 512*

please join in singing...

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

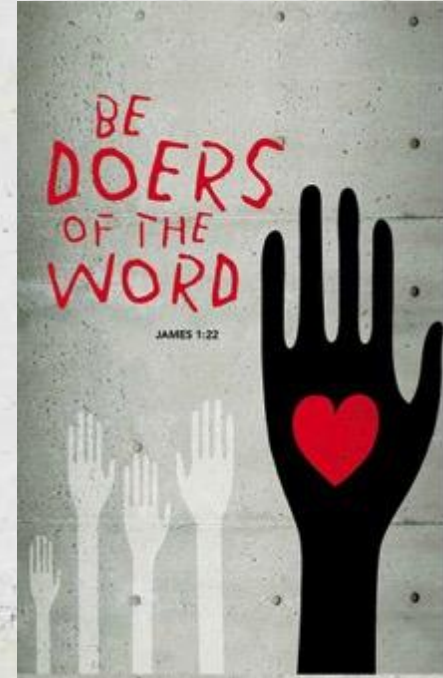
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord let my heart be good soil.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God,
**you open wide your hand and satisfy
the need of every living thing. You have
set this feast before us. Open our
hands to receive it. Open our hearts to
embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We
pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



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Communion

The Lord be with you.

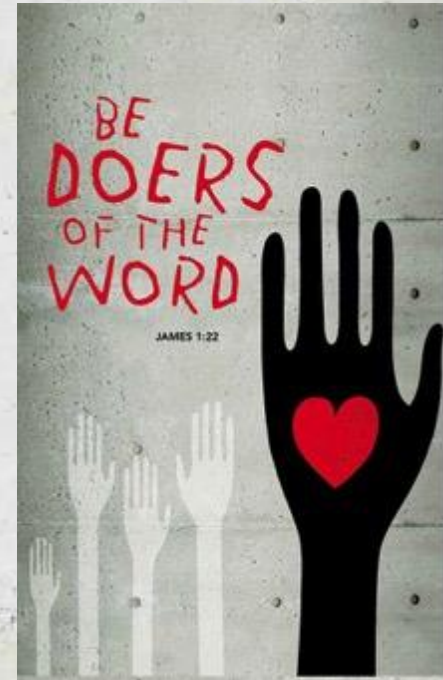
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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**



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Communion - *Preface*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

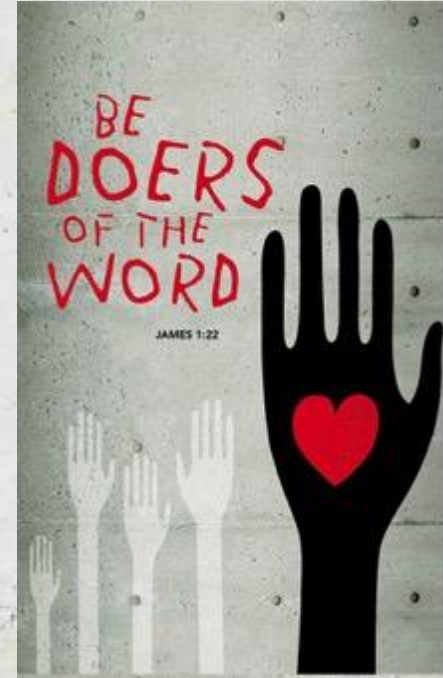
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Communion: Holy, Holy *ELW p. 173*

please join in singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

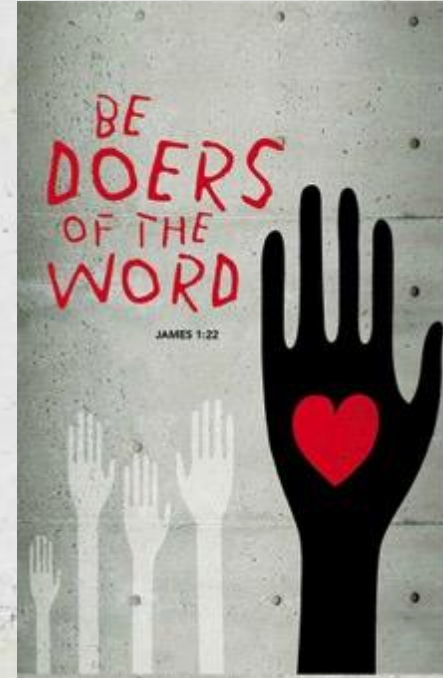
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



Communion

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.

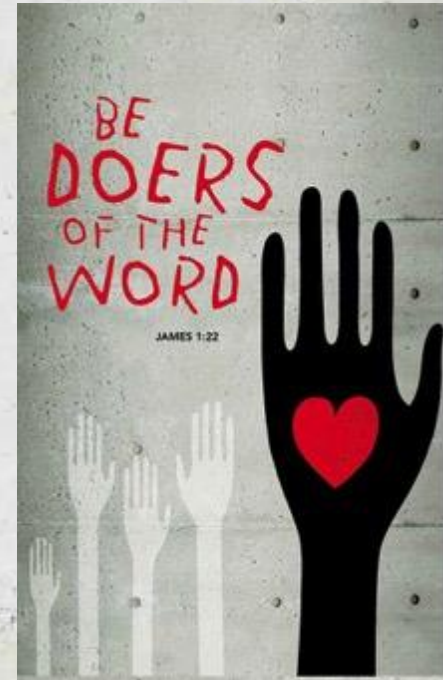


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Communion

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.

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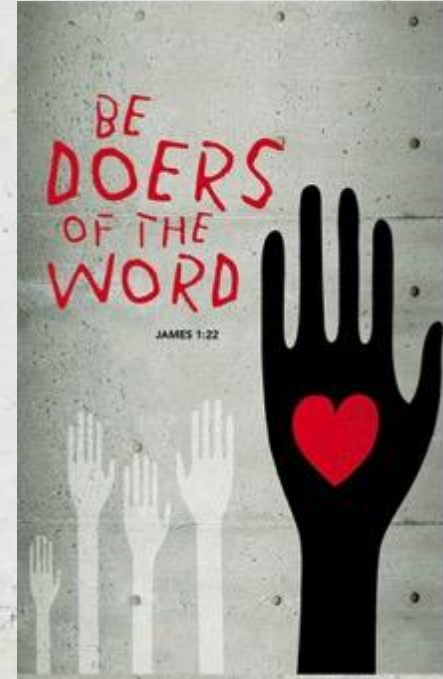
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

The table is set. The gifts are ready. Come and receive God's grace.



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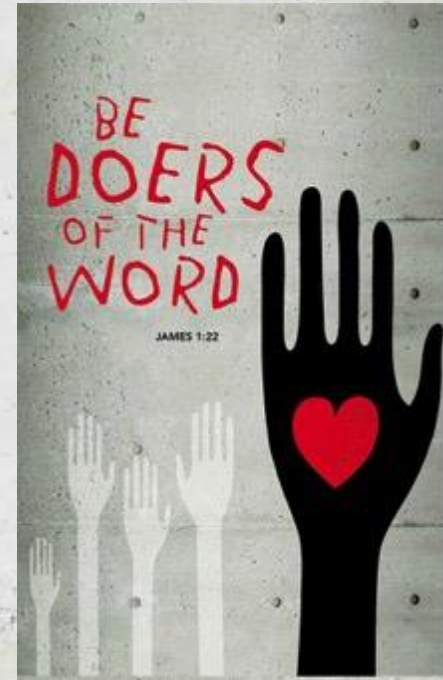
Communion: Lamb of God *ELW p. 174*

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us.**

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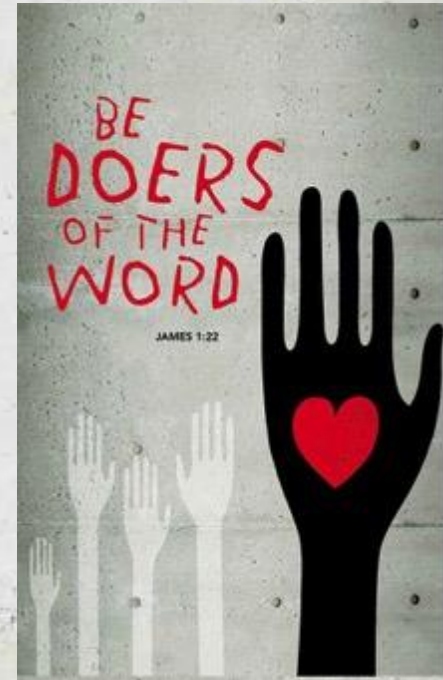
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; grant us peace, grant
us peace.**



Communion Distribution

*As we receive the bread and cup today,
we receive grace upon grace from
Jesus: forgiveness, new life and
salvation.*

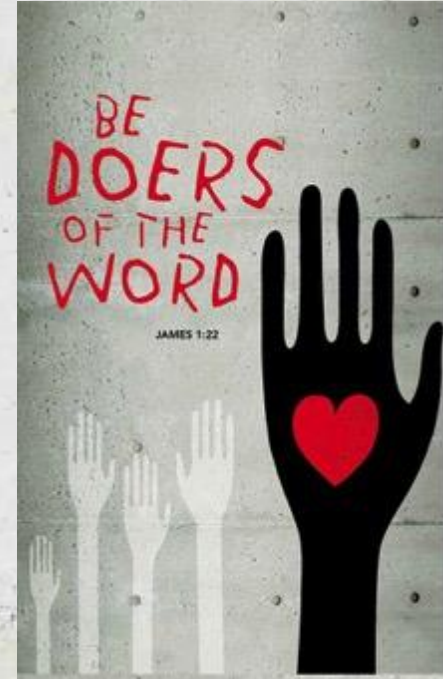
*Come and hold your hands out and
receive God's goodness with the holy
word of thanks: "**Amen!**"*



Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

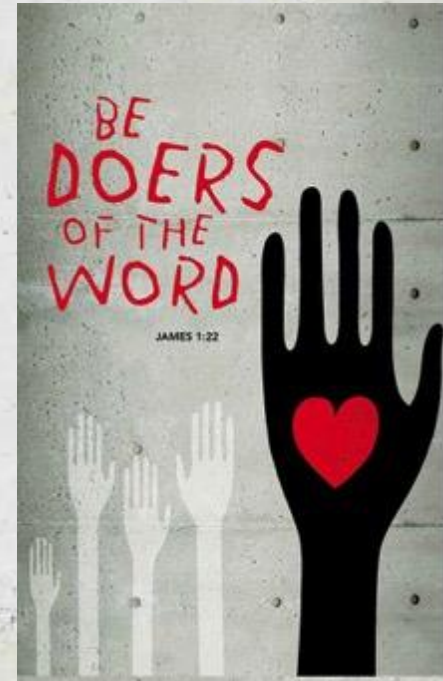
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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
**you have given us not only this bread
and cup, but your very self, that we may
feast on your great love. Filled again by
these signs of your grace, may we
hunger for your reign of justice, may we
thirst for your way of peace, for you are
Lord forevermore. Amen.**

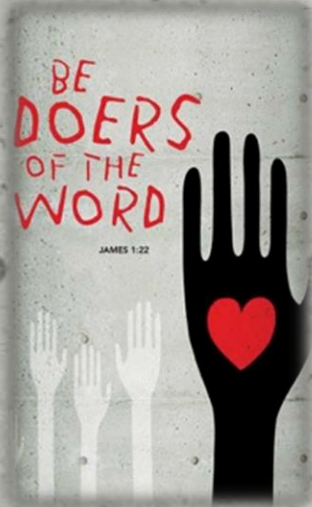


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Announcements - *Upcoming Activities*

- **Wednesday 9/5/18**
 - 9:00 a.m. - WELCA Bible Study
 - 7:00 p.m. - Pastor's Patio Bible Study
- **Thursday 9/6/18** – Parish Team, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday 9/7/18** – Bible Study @ Immanuel, 9:00 a.m.
- **Saturday 9/8/18**
 - 8:00 a.m. - Immanuel N.I.C.E. Volunteer
 - 6:00 p.m. – NOTT @ That Place on Palmyra, Dixon
- **Sunday 9/9/18**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Worship @ Immanuel
 - 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School Begins!!!!
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship @ First

**Heart of Illinois
Lutheran Parish**



Journey with Jesus through John

**Sermon Series on
Gospel of John**

begins – July 22nd

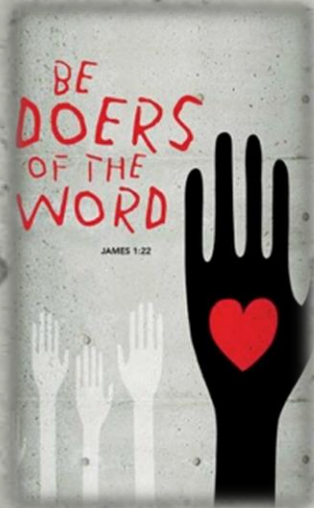
“Pastor’s Patio” Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. beginning 7/18

(sign up sheets in overflow/narthex)

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Heart of Illinois Lutheran Parish



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Get Out and Shoot Some Pictures!

Don't forget to submit pictures for "Season of Creation"!



9/30 – **Earth Sunday**

- *Submit your pictures of vast landscapes showing all that the earth has to offer*

10/7– **Humanity Sunday**

- *Pictures of human beings interacting with God's grand creation: working, playing, surviving, etc.*

10/14– **Sky Sunday**

- *Night sky, cloudy skies, sun risings and settings – point your camera up and shoot*

10/21 – **Hill & Mountain Sunday**

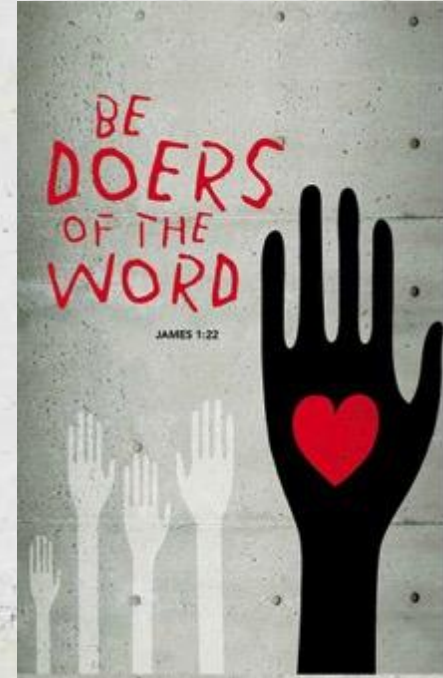
- *Let's see those high places – perhaps they're pictures of the very places you took your Earth Sunday pictures.*

Benediction

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



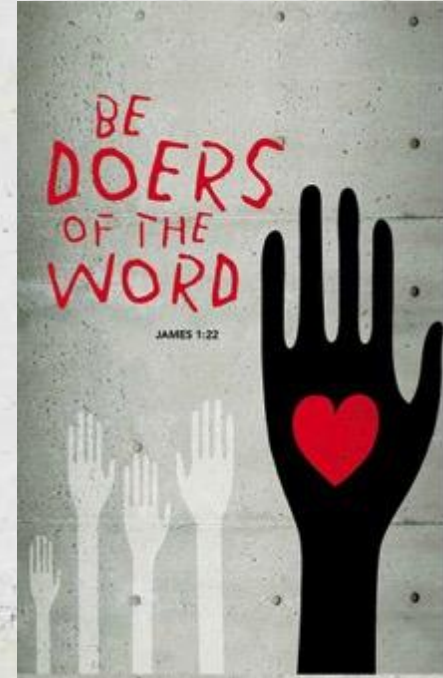
Sending Song – “For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW 879

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.



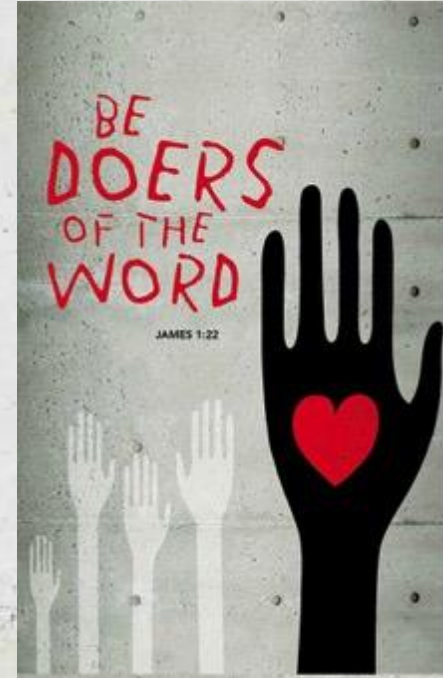
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2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:

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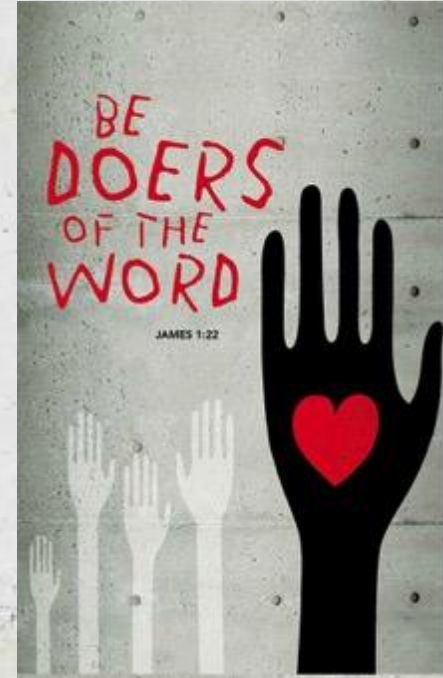
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3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

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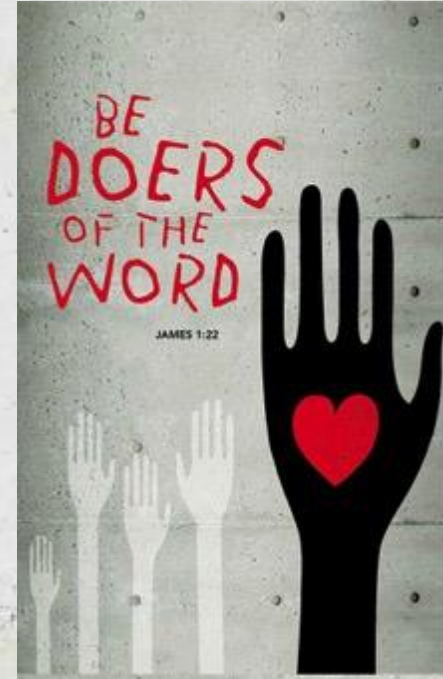
Sending Song – “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

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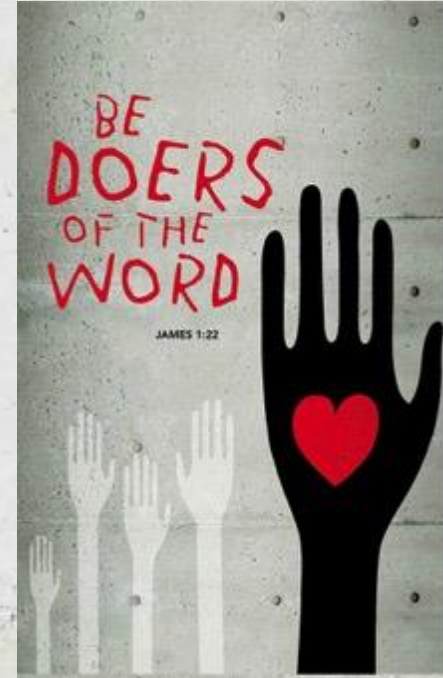
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5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:

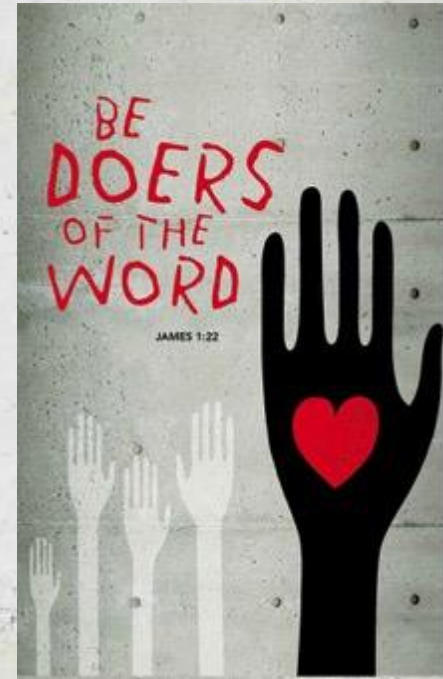
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



Worship leader reads regular print, *congregation responds with* **bold print.**