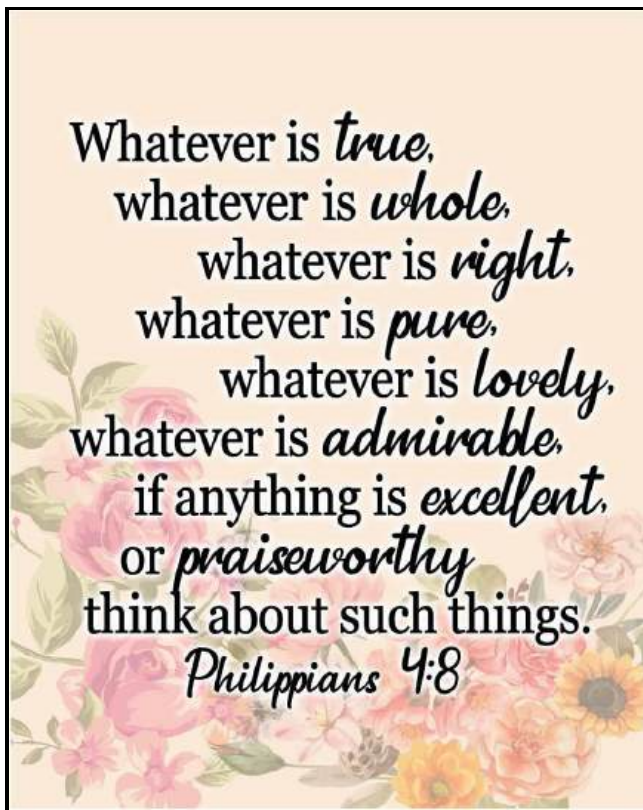


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service III The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! In today's Gospel reading the kingdom of heaven is declared to be like a wedding feast which needs to have worthy guests. Jesus describes two ways that guests can be unworthy- by scorning those who give the invitation, and by attending the wedding without the proper garments. Isaiah 25 gives a beautiful picture of what this feast is going to be like, and it is one that we do not want to miss out on! So how do we make sure that we are worthy to be guests at this great wedding feast?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

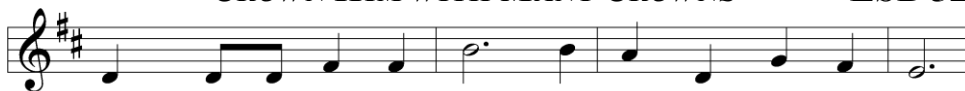
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk. **

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

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

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

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

Cong: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for self-reflection

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Cong: 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.

Pastor: 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 $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

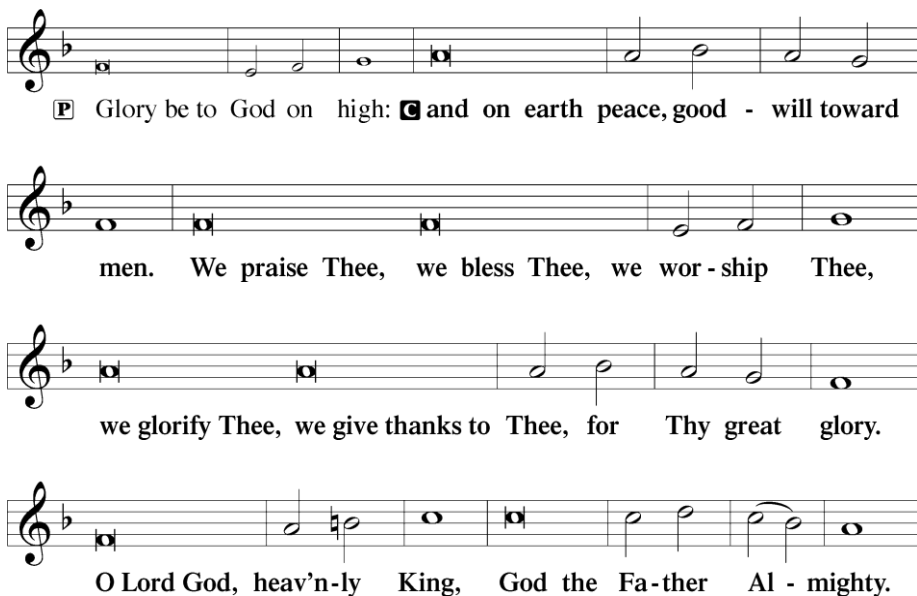
Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE

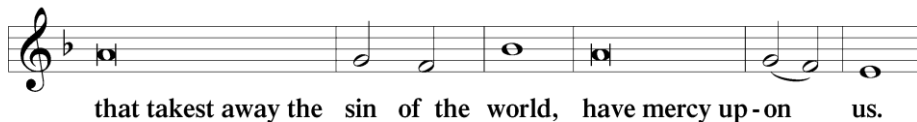
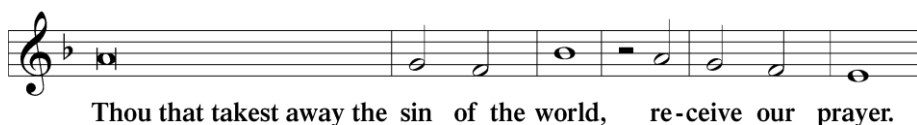
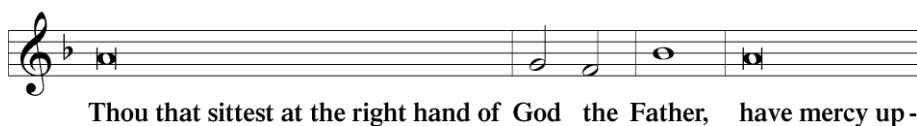
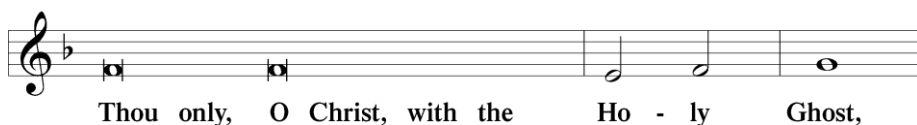


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P 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.



***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9 (ESV)

Lector: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 23 (KJV)

(*ALL READ*)

- Cong:** **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me
beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**
- Cong:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-13 (ESV)

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

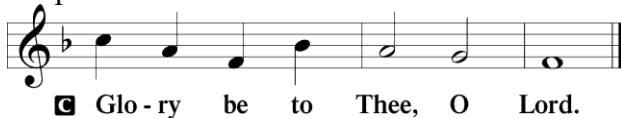
***ALLELUIA**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 22:1-14 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

LSB 633

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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SERMON

PASTOR JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Cong: Amen.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Heavenly Father, grant us Your grace that we may hear and heed Your invitation and joyfully wear the baptismal clothing of Your righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, purchased the Church with His precious blood. Preserve her in the pure teaching of Your Word, in the right use of the Sacraments and in the unity of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, You have ordained the estate of marriage. Grant that it may be honored and upheld according to Your will, and that husbands and wives may love and serve each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, the earth is Yours and the fullness thereof. In Your mercy, bless all nations and bring an end to war and conflict. Guide and defend our president and Congress, our governor, and all local government officials. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless all who weep here, that at the last they may be comforted, restored and received into the banquet of heaven. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, You have prepared a table before us in the midst of those who refuse Your invitation. Keep Your Church unstained by the world, that we may partake of our Lord's Supper worthily, clothed in His baptismal grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, comfort those who mourn with the certainty of life everlasting for all who die in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise, that spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ, and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

DONA NOBIS PACEM (GIVE US PEACE)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A BLESSING OF ASSURANCE

IMMANUEL CHOIR

Peace I give to you. Peace I leave with you. When there is fear, I'll dry every tear. My peace I leave with you.

Peace I give to you. Peace I leave with you. As you go, be still and know My peace I give to you, My peace I leave with you. Dona nobis pacem, pacem, dona nobis pacem.



*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion
on the back page of this worship folder.*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*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.



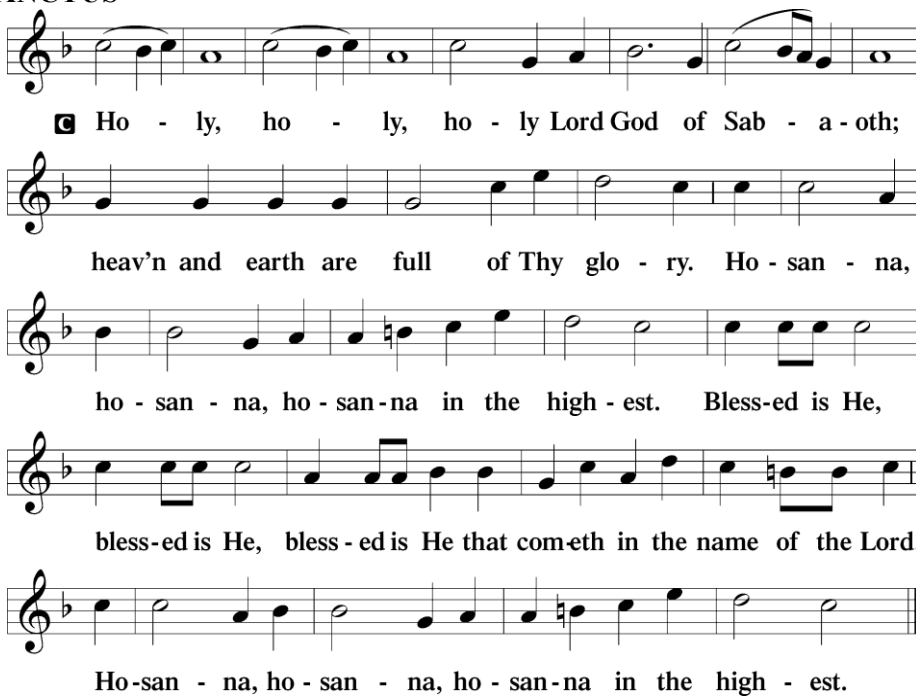
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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**



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**

**Cong: 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.**

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: 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**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Cong: Amen.

*AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION

{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

O GRACIOUS LORD, I FIRMLY AM BELIEVING

LSB 635

1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing;
2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;
3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;
4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,
5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,
My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,
Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:
You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;
This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing
To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,
Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—
Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior
Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,
O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,
My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,
A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,
Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole.
O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace.
My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast.
A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove.
Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still.

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LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
To share Your cup of heal - ing.
As - sured of Your full par - don.
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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***THANKSGIVING**

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

Cong: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: 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 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.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with thy spirit.

***BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

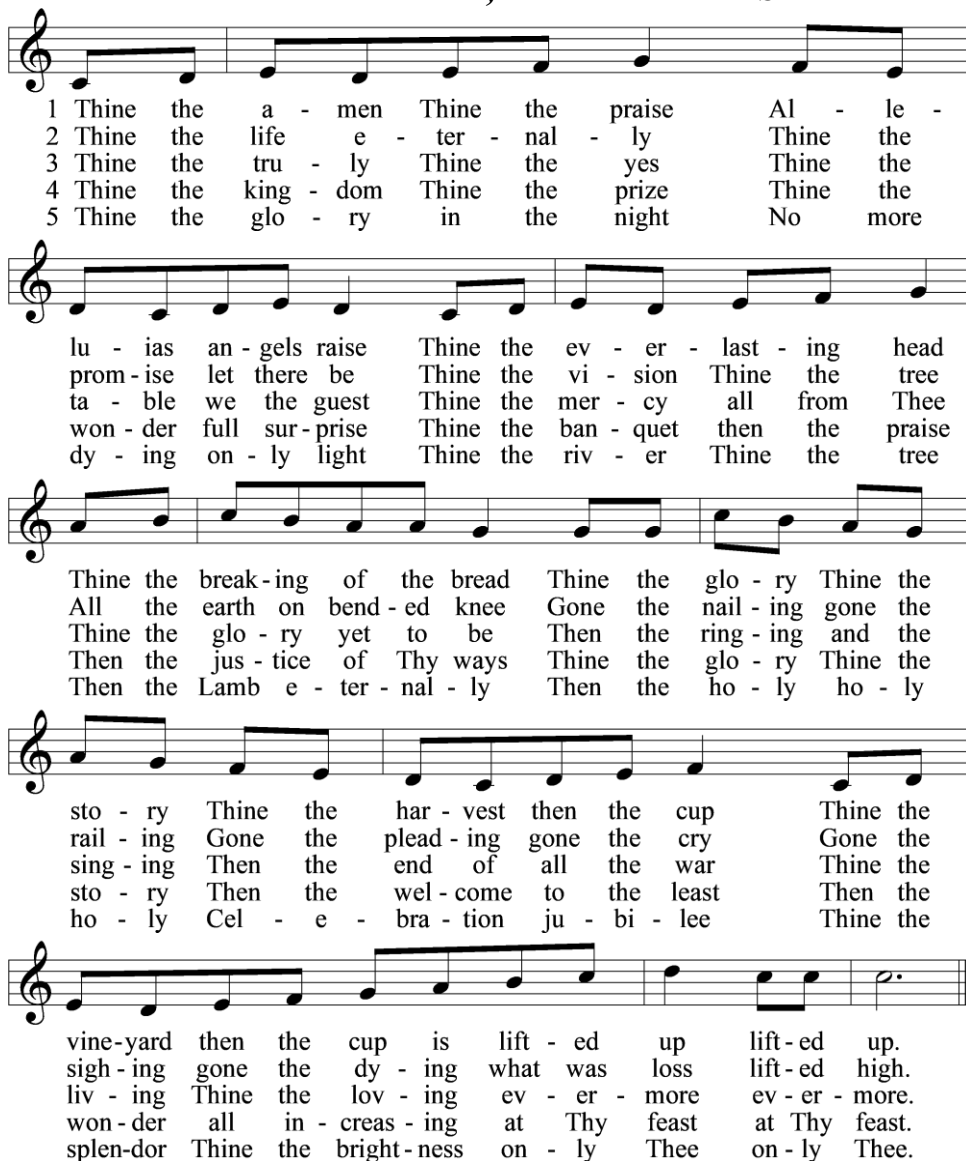
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

Cong: Amen, amen, amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

LSB 680

THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION: Jesus commanded the Church to make Disciples of all Nations. This can seem like a daunting task! Who am I to make disciples of all nations? However, by giving this command Jesus is also telling us to make disciples right here in Kalamazoo among your friends, neighbors and family. If you have been wanting to be a better evangelist, if you are curious how to share God's Word with people in your life, or if you just want a good breakfast please join us October 24th at 9 am in the Church Fellowship Hall as we learn about *Joining Jesus on his Mission*. This is a book that was written by Greg Finke, and it has several wonderful insights for us in how to share the Gospel in our every day lives. No need to read ahead, just bring yourself and a willing spirit to learn!



Also: **Adult Catechism Classes** resume October 17th at 9 am., and will be held the third Saturday of every month thereafter, unless otherwise noted. The first session will be the **First Article of the Creed and the Ten Commandments**.



Prayer and Comfort. We have a God who is present not just in the good times, but also in the rough times. We can go to him both for strength, but also for comfort since we call him Father.

On October 22nd from 6-7 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church will be open if you need to come and have some time in prayer with **Pastor Josh and Rosie the Comfort Dog**. Maryalice Reck has graciously offered up Rosie's services to anyone who can use the extra comfort and love that God has to offer during this time. If you know you can make it, please reach out to Pastor Josh so we can look forward to your coming!



Also: **Adult Catechism Classes** resume October 17th at 9 am., and will be held the third Saturday of every month thereafter, unless otherwise noted. The first session will be the **First Article of the Creed and the Ten Commandments.**



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, Dotty Smith, Jerome Dirst, and Linda Swinehart

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Jeff Baker , requested by Esther Cleason	Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri	Lucille Fritz , requested by Jonathan Fritz
Bill Brink , Christie Sidwell's brother	Gus Reck , grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Judy & Fred Lorenz , brother & sister-in-law of Esther Cleason and Nancy Barksdale , Esther's niece.	Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds and daughter of Mary Reynolds, and Mary's great-grandson, Dallas .
Richard Frank , brother-in-law of Gail Stewart, and his wife, Gail's sister, Gloria	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Rita Presdorf , Stephen Presdorf's mother	Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Marian Brugh and son Brian
Laura Mattson Hugill , former ILC member	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson	Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's grandchild
Nicholas Jackson	Theo Yoakam , Cheryl Schreiber's great grandson
Melanie Baumgart's friend, Jim	Jeri Noneman
Kim N., Emilie H., & Sydney B. , all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst, John Miller, Dotty Smith, Helen Roekle, Gene Jennings, Beth Mitchell, & Linda Swinehart	

CONGREGATION: PLEASE LET AILENE KNOW IF SHE NEEDS TO ADD OR SUBTRACT ANYONE.

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 10/11/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & John Quardokus	Patti Wills- Coffee Melanie B-- snacks
Sunday 10/18/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 10/25/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Patti Wills	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	MaryAlice Reck
Sunday 11/1/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Reynolds
Sunday 11/8/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 11/15/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Michaela H-H & Daughters
Sunday 11/22/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Rita Clarke

CHURCH CALENDAR

October's MISSION: Westwood Free Store

November's MISSION: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
11 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING	12	13 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	14 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	15 7PM WORSHIP COMM. MTG	16	17 9AM ADULT CATECHISM CLASS  OKTOBERFEST 5:00PM SOCIAL HOUR 6:00PM DINNER
18 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	19	20 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	21 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	22	23	24 9:00AM BRUNCH TO START NEW STUDY: "JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION."
25 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR	26	27 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	28 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	29	30	31  5-7PM TRUNK OR TREAT
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Saturday, October 17, 2026

5:00pm Social Hour

6:00pm Dinner

Immanuel's Fellowship Hall

Join us for German food & beer
and great fellowship!

Check out the poster in the narthex and sign up to
attend & **bring some German food with you too!** German beer
and wine will be available.

...this is an "Adults Only" party.

*Be assured there will
be other beverages
available for your enjoyment.*



We are collecting food for
Loaves and Fishes that
evening so please bring
along canned or boxed
items to donate. *Thanks!*

The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting the annual Sip and
Shop soon! Save the Date!

Sunday, October 25, 2026

(after the worship service)



*We'll have cider, etc.
while we shop!!*



The funds raised will be used to take care of our church
family; whether it is a meal, a prayer shawl, or items needed
in crises.



In Preparation:

*Share your talents & donate items so we have lots of things to
sell!!!*

**Can you sew? Can you grow? Can you make? Can you bake?
Can you brew? Can you stew? All Talents... WE NEED YOU!!**



**Below are examples of
donated items to consider:**

- Hand-made crafts, wooden puzzles/toys
- Ornaments, Christmas stockings, bows
- Home-made baked goods, candies, nuts, jellies, frozen pizzas, soups, stews
- Home-crafted beers and wines
- Flower arrangements
- Oven mitts, Scarves, mittens, and hats



**The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Trunk or Treat
Halloween walk through the church on:**

**Saturday,
October 31st
5-7pm**

We are asking the congregation to sign up to sponsor a table for the event. That means to decorate one-half of a long table with Halloween decorations, dress in costume if you want to (kids love it if you do), and provide candy to hand out to the trick or treaters. We will create a maze of tables downstairs to accommodate as many people as possible. If people can't participate in this way, they can donate bags of candy for the group to give out once their own candy supply is depleted. An event like this can bring in hundreds of children. We will also need greeters and helpers at the doors and in the parking lot. There is a donation tub in the narthex for candy donations.

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Outreach Committee, including:

Pastor Grotelueschen @ (608) 290-9837 or pastor.ilckalamazoo@gmail.com

Beth Mitchell @ (269) 626-5241 or barmitch55@gmail.com

Pam Brelje @ (269) 760- 6923 or pbrelje@gmail.com

Linda Richter @ (269) 598-2195 or lindamrichter@yahoo.com

Sunday, November 22: Mark Your Calendars!!



**Join Us to Make an
Advent Wreath!
Starts at 3:00pm:**

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall
and make a **Family Advent Wreath**

ALSO



**Men's Chili Cook-Off
Starts at 4:30pm**

(after the Advent Wreath-Making)

- **Everyone** is welcome to come to both events...get the kids involved! Never had an Advent Wreath or Wreath Banner? This is the place to make your first one!! Invite your friends and family...and **please** sign up!
- There is a **sign-up poster in the Narthex** for both wreath/banner-making and chili-making. You can also sign up for bringing other foods, such as corn bread, crackers, corn chips and desserts. (Beverages will be provided.)
- We have candles and wreaths for **5 wreaths**; there will be a nominal fee required for each.
- **One wreath per family please.**
- We will provide the four Advent candles (3 purple, 1 rose), a wreath form and some decorations...keeping to the theme of white, gold, and silver. You can bring any decorations you prefer as well.

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St. Michael Lutheran Church & School

7211 Oakland Drive, Portage, MI 49024

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Posting Date: October 1, 2026

Reports To: Senior Pastor

Position: Business and Finance Manager

Salary: Salary Range: \$55,000 - \$60,000

Commensurate with experience and education.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

Deadline: October 31, 2026

Application process: For full consideration, please send your resume and three reference letters to Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann, Senior Pastor or email to naumann@mightymessengers.org
269-327-7832 • www.mightymessengers.org • stmikeschool.org

General Description of Duties: This position involves oversight of the financial and confidential business matters of the church. It includes hands-on processing of journal entries, paying invoices, maintaining the general ledger, and creating reports to share with the other managers. It requires regular contact within and outside the church, supplying and seeking information tactfully and with discretion, and monitoring of compliance with administrative policies and procedures.

Under general supervision is responsible for the following:

Facilities Management

- Ensure all routine church office functions are accomplished in a timely and effective manner.
- Oversee maintenance and purchase of equipment and supplies.
- Manage and direct the work of the custodial staff with the assistance of the Board of Church Properties, and conduct annual performance reviews of these positions.
- Contact appropriate vendors for maintenance issues.
- Oversee the facility usage schedule, rental payments, and administer appropriate security measures for specific events.
- Participate in matters pertaining to the Board of Properties occurring during normal business hours.
- Oversee the use of church software systems, working with the IT Coordinator as appropriate, advising on upgrades, etc., as needed for the volume of data.

Accounting and Financial Management

- Oversee the storage and reporting of member contributions and financial records according to governmental requirements.
- Oversee the payroll process and ensure that related tax payments and reports are completed.
- Process payment of invoices, billing, and tuition with proper approvals and timeliness.
- Prepare, review, and analyze monthly Financial Statements, making sure all accounts are reconciled.
- Oversee the process of the Tellers to ensure accuracy.
- Participate in the annual financial audit/review.
- Manage and lead the annual budget process with the Stewardship Board, Parish Planning Council and Voter's Assembly.
- Process, review, and report on the billing and cash receipts for the school and childcare.
- Attend various meetings as assigned.
- Accept the financial oversight of the elected congregational Treasurer for accountability.
- Work with the Board of Stewardship in program development and budget preparation.

Human Resources

- Coordinate the presentation of employee benefits to all employees and to the Compensation Committee.
- Recommend and oversee and the implementation of staff policies developed by the Compensation Committee, including salary adjustments, and revise the manual accordingly.
- Assist in hiring and terminating non-called staff as needed.
- Stay abreast of government personnel regulations affecting the church.
- Revise the employee manual and other hiring forms as necessary.

Qualifications: (See pg. 37)

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Position: Part-time Finance Manager

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- Assist in hiring and terminating non-called staff as needed.
- Stay abreast of government personnel regulations affecting the church and school/CFK.
- Revise the employee manual and other hiring forms as necessary.

Qualifications for both positions:

- One who believes the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant Word of God.
- A sincerely caring heart for people in the congregation and in the community.
- Skilled in organization, including the ability to train, coordinate, motivate, and supervise others.
- Ability to motivate volunteers and facilitate their effectiveness in ministry.
- Solid experience and strong skills in accounting, financial management, and administrative organization.
- Ability to work effectively and supportively with others in and outside the church family.

Take Home Discussions

Sunday, October 11, 2026

God is not just with us on Sunday Morning, but every day. Therefore, we should reflect on him every day. Feel free to study these verses, and ask these questions to yourselves, your family, friends and coworkers throughout this week. If you have any questions on any of these, or just want to talk about them further, feel free to reach out to Pastor Josh as well, he would love to have these conversations with you.

Monday- Galatians 3:27

What does it mean that we have put on Christ? How does this make us worthy to attend the wedding feast

Tuesday- Revelation 7:9-14

How did the Saints get white robes in this chapter? What made the robes white?

Wednesday- Revelation 19:6-8

The linen described here are “Righteous deeds”. While this can cause some to believe that we are saved by our works, what does the fact that this linen must be given tell us about the garment? Whose righteous deeds prepared us?

Thursday- Revelation 6:9-11

Why did God give these saints white robes? What reassurance did these white robes give?

Friday- Mark 14:51-52

What does this tell us about fleeing Christ Crucified? How does it make us unworthy to attend the wedding feast?

Saturday- Proverbs 31:25-26

How does putting on Christ make us into the sort of people described in these verses? How is Christ each of these things, and does he grant them to us?



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Belief and Practice

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. Out of loving concern for the communicants and our understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. Be Baptized Christians.
2. Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God's grace. (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)
3. Believe that in Holy Communion they receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the gracious remission of their sins. (*Matthew 26:26-28*)
3. Do so without giving offense to others. (i.e., Willing to forgive and be reconciled) (*Matthew 18:15-17*)

Guests of the congregation, who are instructed in Luther's Small Catechism, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All others are asked to speak with the pastor regarding the sacrament. Non-communicating children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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Sunday worship services are available on Facebook Live and YouTube!