

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the
LORD with my whole heart, in the
assembly of the upright, and in the
congregation.

Psalms 111:1

The Divine Service I
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today, Jesus encounters 10 lepers who asked for healing. Jesus responded by telling them to go to the temple. While they were on the way they were healed. After the healing however, only one man returned to give thanks. The question that we will be addressing in today's service is what caused this man to give thanks, while the others did not?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

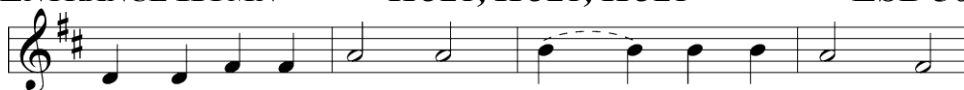
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.**

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***INVOCATION**

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

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

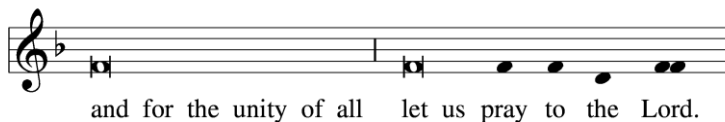
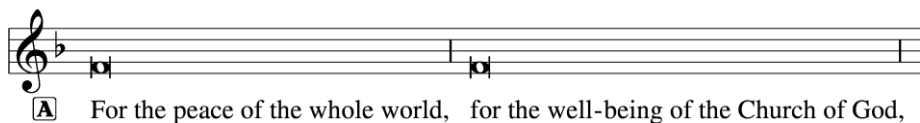
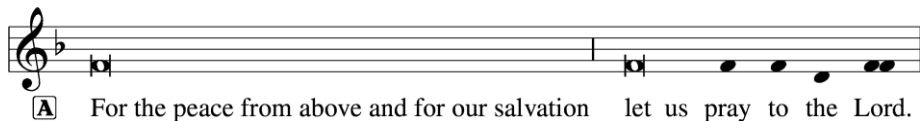
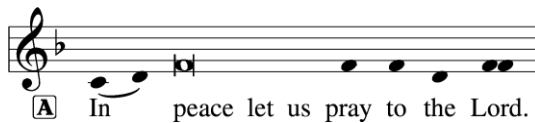
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence)

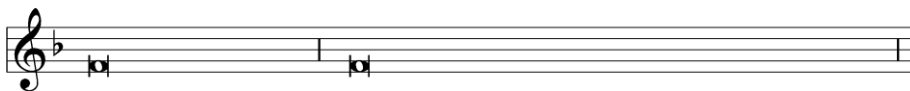
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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

Pastor: 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.

Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE





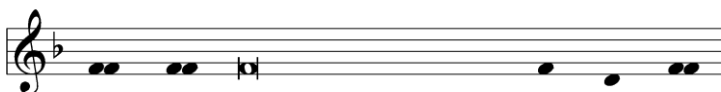
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

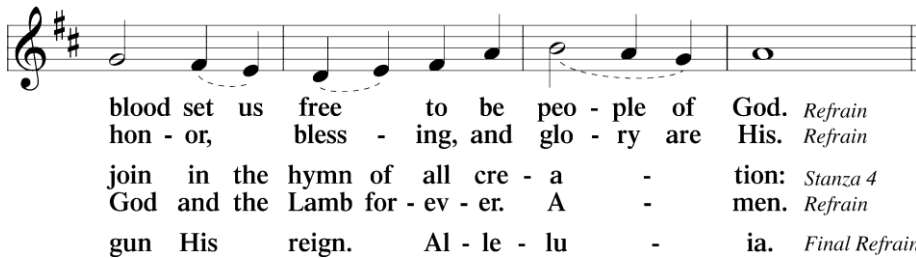
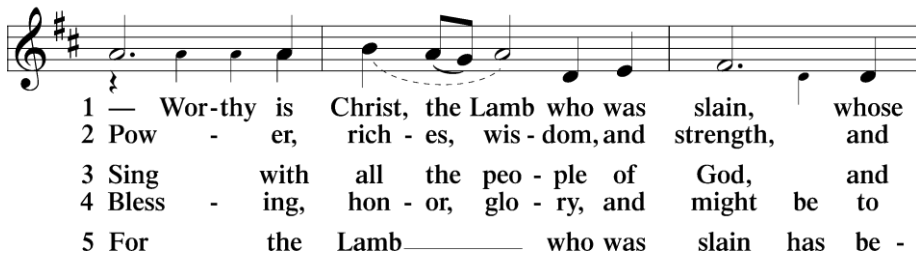


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



SERVICE OF THE WORD

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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

RUTH 1:1-19A (ESV)

Lector: In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!”

Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 111 (ESV)

Lector: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

Cong: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Lector: Great are the works of the Lord,

Cong: studied by all who delight in them.

Lector: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

Cong; and his righteousness endures forever.

Lector: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

Cong: the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Lector: He provides food for those who fear him;

Cong: he remembers his covenant forever.

Lector: He has shown his people the power of his works,

Cong: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Lector: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

Cong: all his precepts are trustworthy;

Lector: they are established forever and ever,

Cong: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Lector: He sent redemption to his people;

Cong; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Lector: Holy and awesome is his name!

Cong: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

Lector: all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Cong: His praise endures 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

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13 (ESV)

Lector: You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 17:11-19 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth chapter.



On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

LSB549



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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SERMON

REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

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

Cong: Amen.

***NICENE CREED**

**Cong: 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**

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

Gracious Lord, give us thankful hearts that we may not forget Your kindness nor presume Your mercy. Bestow on us a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy and, with new and contrite hearts, love You above all and love our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, bless the pastors who speak to us in Your name and administer Your Sacraments to us; those preparing for this ministry; those who are considering church-work vocations; and the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord of all, Your servant Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi in her solitude and later years. Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: God of all mercy, You accompanied Ruth and placed her in a blessed union with Boaz. Remember Your people who are single and desire marriage. Be their companion in their solitude, and provide them a godly spouse and family according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, You provide all that we need for this body and life, including health and order. Watch over all who exercise authority in our nation, giving them integrity, justice and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: God of all help, You hear the cries of the righteous and deliver them from their troubles and fears. Remember all who cry to You for mercy, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*), and help them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful God, bestow on us the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament. Grant true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

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

Cong: And also with you.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RIVER IN JUDEA

**BY JACK FELDMAN
IMMANUEL CHOIR
BETH MITCHELL, PIANO**

*Oftentimes I dream of music,
Of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey,
One everybody knows.*

*Late at night, I hear it singing.
Then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill,
The will to go on,
Go on.*

Chorus:

*There is a river in Judea
That I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river
That my soul cries out
To know.*

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin'
But it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness,
I almost hear it pray.*

*When I'm weary and downhearted,
How I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue,
The peace that it brings, it brings.*

Chorus



*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**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

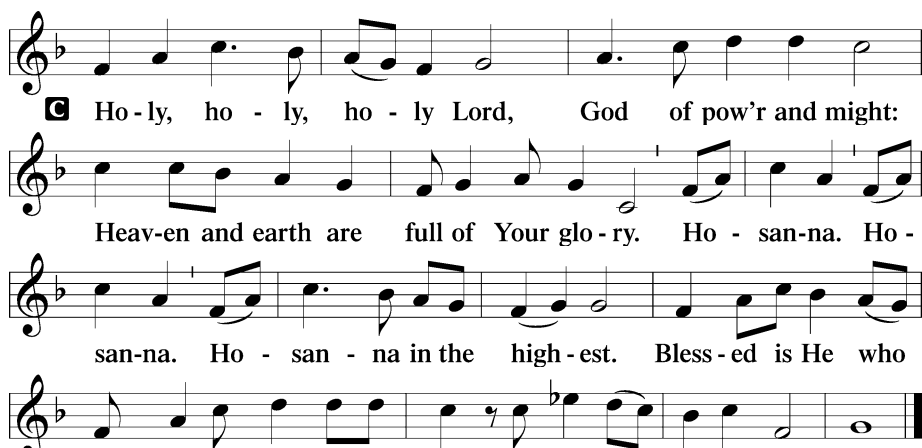
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

Cong: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, 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 ~ *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: 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.” As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***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.**

***PAX DOMINI**

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

Cong: Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{INTENTIONAL TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION}

COMMUNION HYMNS

DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

LSB 633



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-phantly 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!

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SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *THANK THE LORD*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY/MARTHA:

November 8 (2nd Saturday) in the Garden Level from 10am-3pm – We are planning a *Craft Day* when ladies can bring and work on any hand-crafting they choose and fellowship with others. Members can invite a guest(s) too. M&M will serve lunch. We will discuss with those attending the possibility of having more Craft Days scheduled.

Volunteers needed: Shirley Breu was recently in another car accident. Her children are trying to locate members who might be interested in transporting Shirley to/from church on Sundays. If you are available to do this, please call Shirley's daughter, Marilyn Breu at #269-372-9031. **Thank-you!**

On Monday, October 20th, 6:30pm at St. Michael Lutheran Church, women's fellowship will be holding an event for **National Infant Loss Awareness Month**. If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of an infant/baby, we invite you to attend a memorial service to reflect and remember. Pastor Dan Maske will lead a short prayer/memorial service, we will have the opportunity to place a flower on the altar in remembrance of the infant/baby, and then share in conversation/fellowship and light refreshments following the service. All are welcome (fathers, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) anyone who wishes to remember their loved one.)

Please RSVP to Kathy Zakarias for the October 20th event either by email (k5zakarias17@gmail.com) or text (815-519-2181). Please reply by Monday, October 13th so there are enough supplies.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Cheryl Schreiber and her grandson **Nick and Taylor** are asking for your prayers for their **baby boy**, who will be induced on Friday, October 17th at Mott's Children's Hospital. Soon after birth, the baby will have open heart surgery. The heart's pulmonary vein and aorta are switched and must be changed. There are several other issues that may mean more surgeries, but that is unknown at this point. Pastor Josh is aware of the situation, and we hope to have him baptize the baby before surgery in Ann Arbor. Thank you for your prayers!!

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, and Jerome Dirst.

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds	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
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by Jonathan Fritz
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Bill Brink , Christie Sidwell's brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Ruth Krueger	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's granddaughter	Gus Reck , 3 y.o. grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson
Mary Reynolds , mother of Amy Stilwell	Candace Graham , former ILC member
Kim N., Kim M., 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	

CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER'S MISSION: **ST. MICHAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
12 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM MARY & MARTHA ANNUAL SIP & SHOP	13	14 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	15	16 10-5PM RON EASTMAN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE (GARDEN LEVEL)	17	18
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Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 10/12/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	John Wagner & Craig Anderson	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 10/19/2025	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley— Coffee Rita Clarke— Snacks
Sunday 10/26/2025	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Rita Clarke— Coffee Dotty Smith— Snacks
Sunday 11/2/2025	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 11/9/2025	Elijah & Norah Lawrence	Jane Schley	John Wagner	Andrew Lustila	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Jane S.— Coffee Melanie B— Snacks
Sunday 11/16/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	John Krueger	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 11/23/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, 11/26th	NA	Vivian Westpahl	NA	NA	NA	NA

TAKE HOME DISCUSSIONS

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- John 4:9-10

What caused the woman at the well to be surprised that Jesus interacted with her? Did this deter Jesus at all?

Tuesday- John 17:20-23

What is Jesus' prayer for those who will believe in him? How can we as Church live out this prayer?

Wednesday- Ephesians 2:11-13

How does the blood of Christ unite people of different backgrounds?

Thursday- Galatians 3:26-29

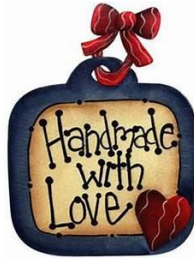
What does it mean that Christ has eliminated these barriers that divide us from one another? Does it mean there are no longer differences between people?

Friday- Genesis 12:2-3

Though God made this promise to Abraham, what does this blessing reveal about who the promise was for? How can we as Church share in this goal?

Saturday- Revelation 7:9

Though this image shows many people they are unified. What does this unity look like? How can we as Church reflect this image today?



The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting our annual

“Sip & Shop”
(New name!!)

TODAY, October 12, 2025
(after the worship service)

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.



We’ll have cider, etc. while we shop!!



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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