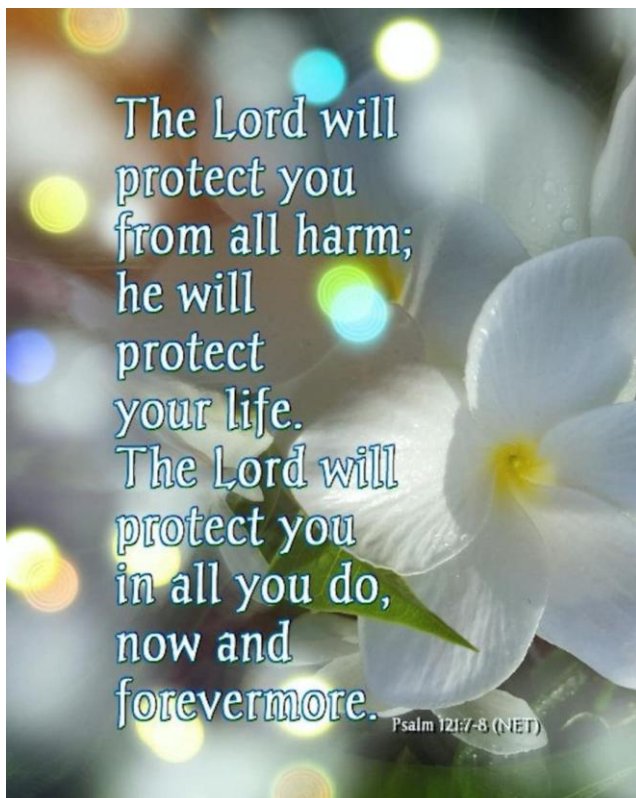


Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today we see Jacob at his wit's end. Up until this point Jacob had relied on his wit and cunning to make it through life, but he could not find a way out of this one. The next day he would have to face his brother whom he wronged, and now wanted to see him dead. This is also the night that God chose to wrestle with Jacob. At first glance, it would seem that God was just piling it on with all of Jacob's concerns. However, everything God does has a purpose. So, we must ask ourselves- why does God wrestle with Jacob in this story? Does he ever wrestle with us?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 905

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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***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.

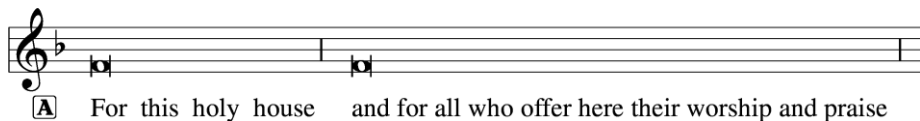
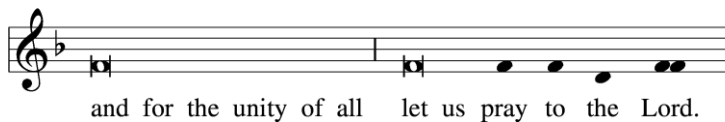
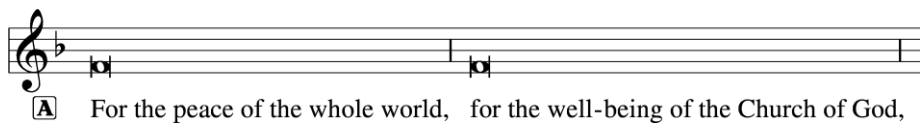
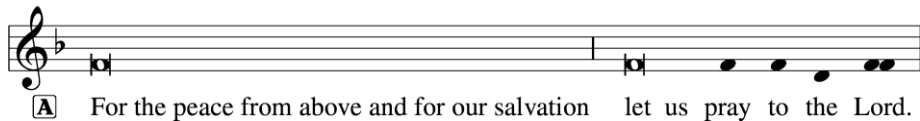
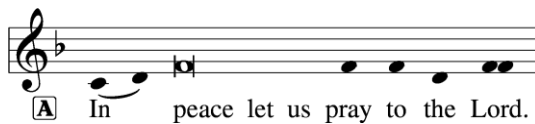
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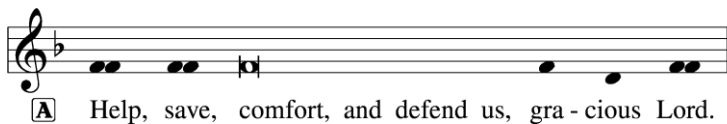
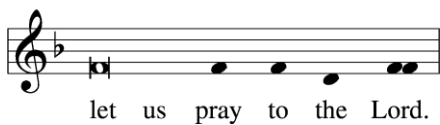
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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

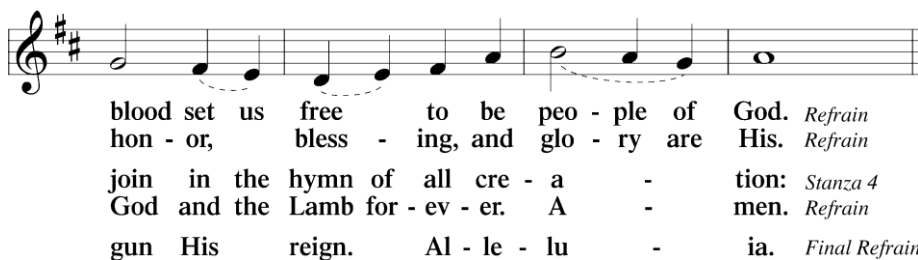
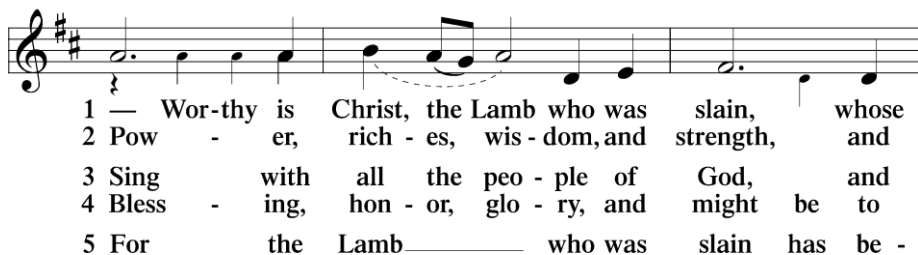
Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE





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.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your 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

GENESIS 32:22-30 (ESV)

Lector: That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?" Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 121 (ESV)

Lector: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

Cong: where does my help come from?

Lector: My help comes from the Lord,

Cong: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Lector: He will not let your foot slip—

Cong: he who watches over you will not slumber;

Lector: indeed, he who watches over Israel

Cong: will neither slumber nor sleep.

Lector: The Lord watches over you—

Cong: the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

Lector: the sun will not harm you by day,

Cong: nor the moon by night.

Lector: The Lord will keep you from all harm—

Cong: he will watch over your life;

Lector: the Lord will watch over your coming and going

Cong: both now and forevermore.

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 3:14-4:5 (ESV)

Lector: But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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 18:1-8 (ESV)

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

SERMON

REV. 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.

Jacob wrestled with You, O Lord, and would not depart without a blessing. Grant us the blessing of Your grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of Your Word. Give us patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give faithfulness to pastors, that they may bear witness to the appearing and kingdom of Christ, who will judge the living and the dead. Instill in them patience and sober-mindedness, that they may rebuke, reprove and exhort all sinners with sound teaching. Grant preachers and hearers a fervent desire for the truth of Your Word, that we may not be led astray by our passions. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, guide and protect all families. Grant that husbands and wives might live in faithfulness to each other. Bless mothers with child, all children and all who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Holy One, bless our president; the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed officials of government. Guide them to promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people. Give them integrity, that they may serve the highest good with their abilities. Bless those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles, including those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Unworthy though we are, we come, O Lord, at Your own invitation. Washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are the people of Your promise and the sheep of Your own flock. Grant us to receive with faith and in repentance the blessed food of Your Son's body and blood, and bring this Holy Communion to bear fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious Lord, teach us to pray with persistence because You love us, always provide for us and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but trusts that You remain in control. Do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

"I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD"

BY MICHAEL O'SHIELDS
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
DIRECTED BY JUDIE ECKERT
LINDA RICHTER, PIANO



*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.

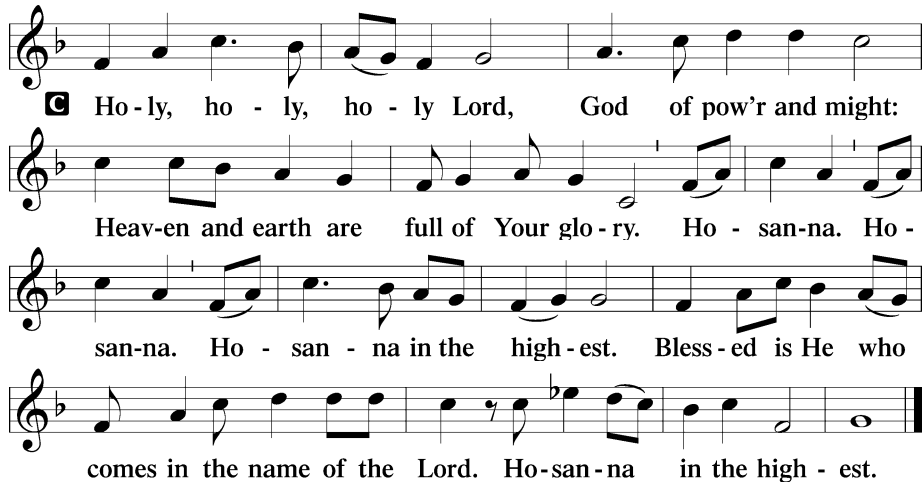
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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*



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

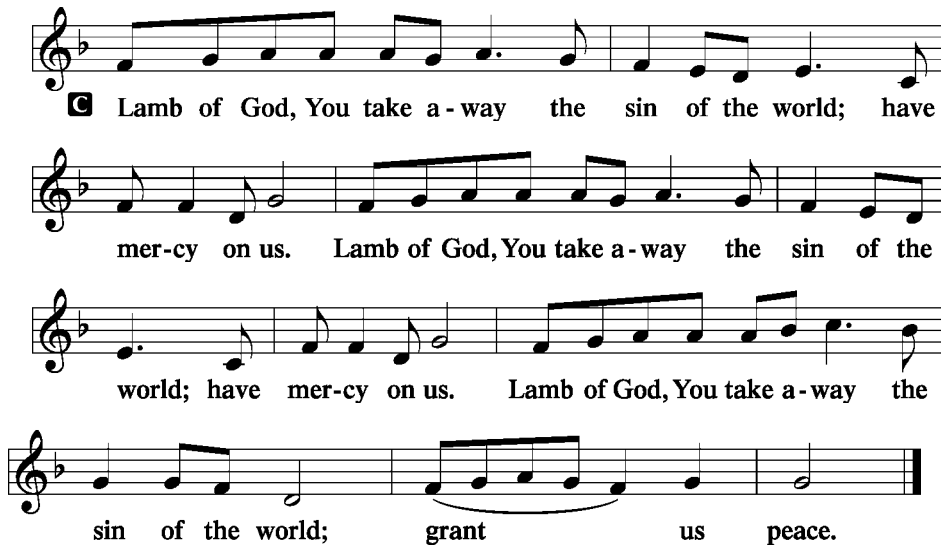
Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is 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

O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE

LSB 632



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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EAT THIS BREAD

LSB638



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.



1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.



2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.



3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.



4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.



5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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



☐ 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!**



Thank-you to everyone who donated school supplies, or the money to buy them, for this year's LWML School Kit drive. We sent an estimated 65 school bags/kits to the collection truck. We could not have done it w/o YOU!!

Brian Long



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

Rob and Cheryl Brindley are thankful for the birth of their 2nd grandchild, a girl, **Hudson Rose Brindley**, born 10-2-2025, weighing 7lbs. 11 oz. Hudson is a precious gift from God to the whole family, including Nick (dad), Samantha (mom), and big brother Bodi, all of whom are very happy and grateful.

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 Dille y, 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
19 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	20	21 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	22	23 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	24	25
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Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule						
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
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 11/26/2025	NA	Vivian Westpahl	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sunday 11/30/2025	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Amber & Chuck Townsend

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- Hebrews 12:5-11

How can God use the struggles we have in life as discipline? What is his goal in our struggles?

Tuesday- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

What are some reasons God would not take away this thorn in the flesh from Paul? Why does God allow these difficult things to remain in our lives?

Wednesday- 1 Kings 19:1-8

How is it comforting to know that God strengthens as well as wrestles with us when we are at wit's end?

Thursday- Psalm 34:18

How does being brokenhearted prepare us to rely on God?

Friday- Revelation 2:8-11

How was the Church in Smyrna rich even when they were poor? How were they conquerors even when they appeared defeated?

Saturday- Matthew 5:2-12

What promises of God can we rely on as we learn not to rely on ourselves, or the things of this world?

Sunday, November 23: 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 **10 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.



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-communing children may join their parents. Communicants may choose from the Common Cup or individual cups.

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