

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service III

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! When you hear the name of Jesus Christ, what do you think of initially? Do you primarily see him as a fearsome Lord, a Beautiful Savior, a Good Shepherd, a Faithful Friend, or something else? Jesus as both God and Man is so vast and so great that it is impossible for us to know him fully. Yet in today's Gospel reading we see that many cast judgment upon him, for they refused to see him for who he really was. In Martin Luther's day people were afraid of Jesus, because no one was revealing to them who he really was. Today we will be focusing on the central question—who does Jesus prove himself to be, and what sort of response does he desire from us?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

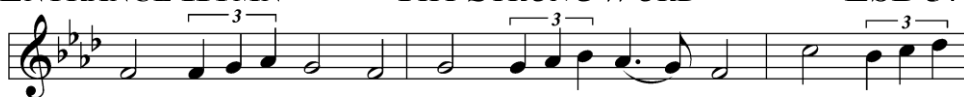
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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

THY STRONG WORD

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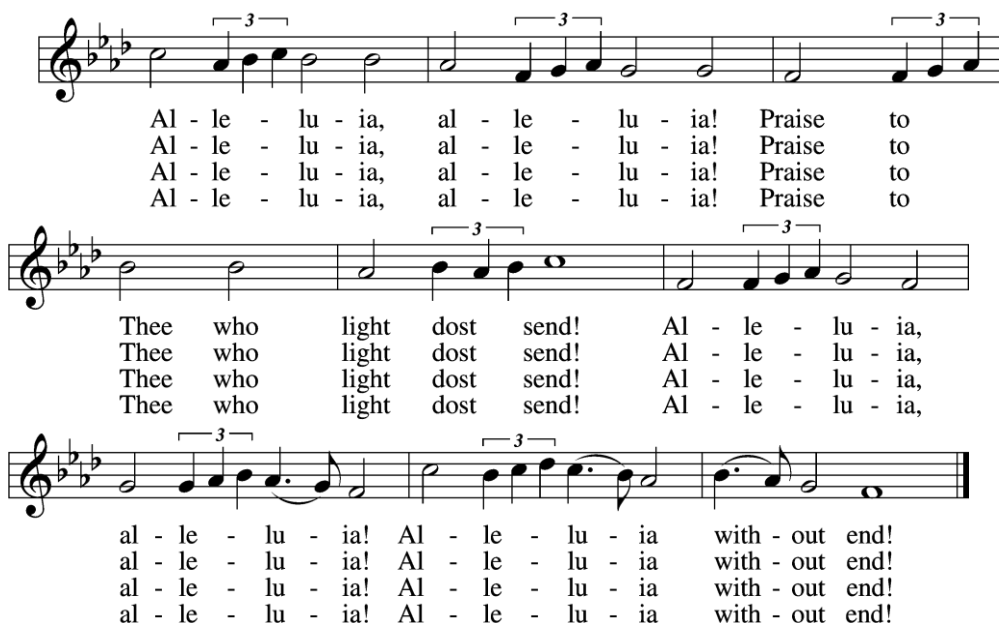
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

***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

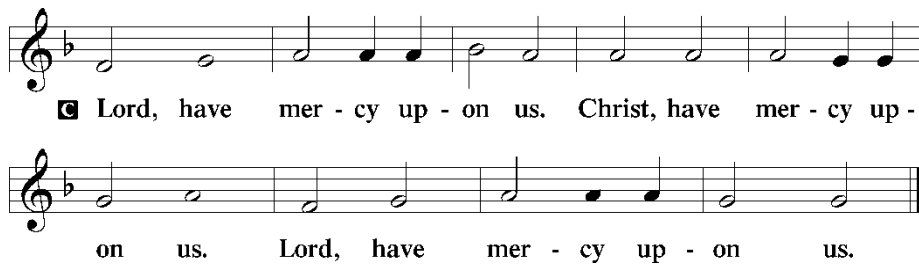
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE



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

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

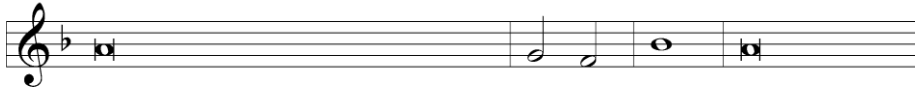


Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

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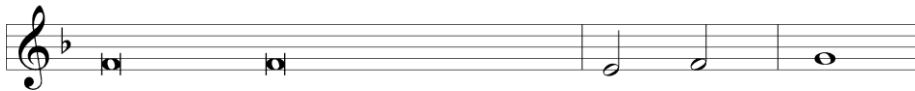
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

REVELATION 14:6-7 (ESV)

Lector: Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 46 (ESV)

Lector: God is our refuge and strength,

Cong: a very present help in trouble.

Lector: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,

Cong: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Lector: though its waters roar and foam,

Cong: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Lector: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

Cong: the holy habitation of the Most High.

Lector: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

Cong: God will help her when morning dawns.

Lector: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

Cong: he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Lector: The Lord of hosts is with us;

Cong: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Lector: Come, behold the works of the Lord,

Cong: how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Lector: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**Cong: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

Lector: “Be still, and know that I am God.

**Cong: I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

Lector: The Lord of hosts is with us;

Cong: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**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

ROMANS 3:19-28 (ESV)

Lector: Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

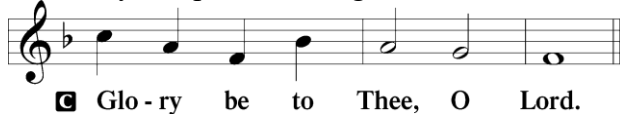
***ALLELUIA**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 11:12-19 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*HYMN OF THE DAY *SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME* LSB555



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal -
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires, The spir - it of the
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.

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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.

Loving Father, though we deserve Your righteous wrath and punishment, for the sake of Your Son do not remember our sins, but defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul and be our very present help in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious God, You have renewed Your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall Your people to the Gospel and who speak Your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, that we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract Your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, bless the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name throughout the world, that Your people's faith may be strengthened and Your kingdom extended. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: God of grace, do not let Your people fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Rescue all people in need, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*) and comfort them with the promise that You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, our God, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: 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

There are plates offered in the back of the church. If you would like to donate via ACH from your checking or savings account (through the Vanco Mobile App or the Vanco Website) or by Credit/Debit Card (through the Clover website), please scan the appropriate QR code below. A credit card reader is available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.



*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 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**



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.

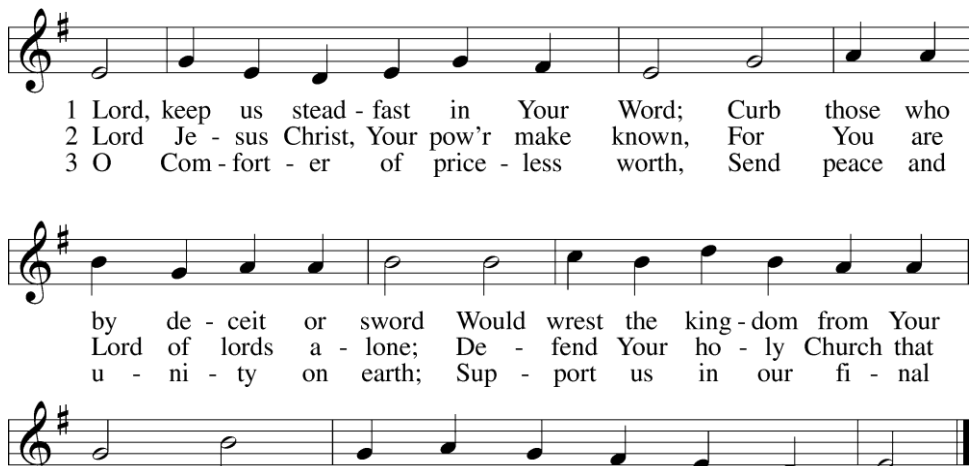
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COMMUNION

{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD **LSB 655**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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BY GRACE I'M SAVED

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

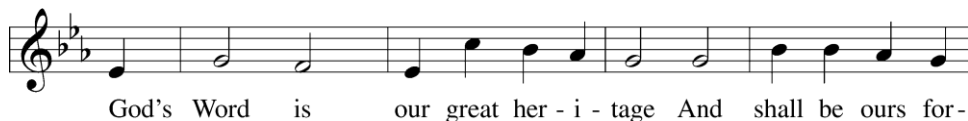
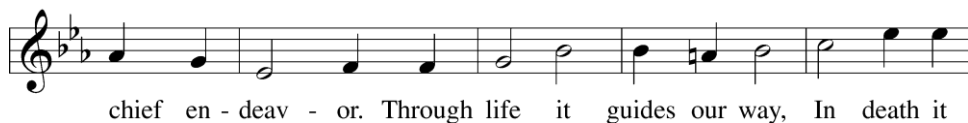
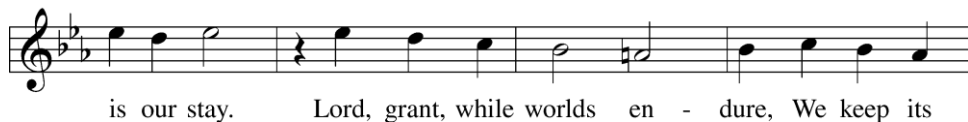
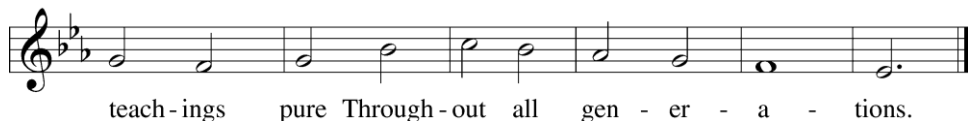
5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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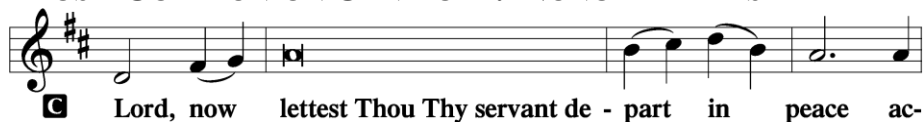
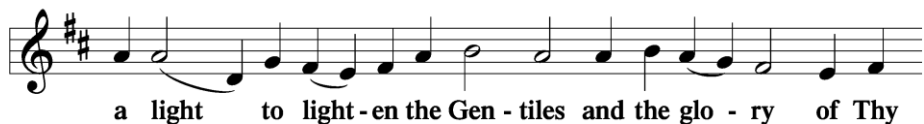
GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

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***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS**



***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.

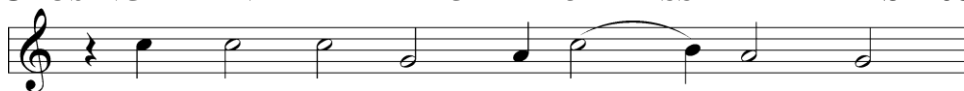
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

Cong: Amen, amen, amen.

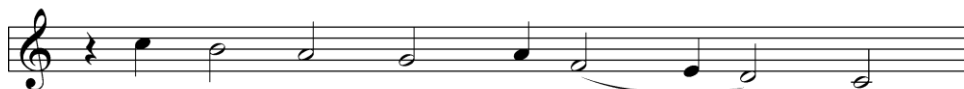
***CLOSING HYMN**

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, Of He can harm us none,
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1st: At this time, we have only one name on our list of persons (saints) in the church who died this past year between Nov. 1, 2025 and today. If you know of someone you'd like us to list in our worship folder and ring a bell for on All Saints Day at our worship service, please notify Ailene in the church office by calling **(269) 345-8090** or emailing @ ILCKALAMAZOO@GMAIL.COM. Please let her know the name of your loved one, the relationship to you or to ILC members, and the date of death.



Adult Catechism Classes are on the third Saturday of every month, unless otherwise noted. All are welcome to join, even if you didn't start with the first class!



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 Reinhold 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 10/25/2026	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
Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday 11/25/2026	NA	Vivian Westphal	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sunday 11/29/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Amber Townsend	John Hecht	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	David Longsioux

CHURCH CALENDAR

October's MISSION: Westwood Free Store

November's MISSION: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM SIP AND SHOP 11:45AM 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
Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	2 PASTOR...	3 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	4 ...NOV. 2-8, 2026	5	6	7
8 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE (IQBAL) 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR	9 PASTOR...	10 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	11 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	12 7PM CHURCH COUNCIL	13	14 10-3PM M/M CRAFT DAY 
15 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	16	17 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	18 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	19	20	21 9:00AM ADULT CATECHISM CLASS
22 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR 3:00PM ADVENT WREATH-MAKING 4:30PM MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF	23	24	25 7:00PM THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNION SERVICE	26  THANKS-GIVING	27	28

The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting the annual Sip and
Shop TODAY!!!!
(*after the worship service.*)



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



Come and do some early Christmas shopping!!!

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.





**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



Please join us for
Craft Day and Lunch
(Everyone is welcome!)

Saturday, November 14, 2026
10am- 3:00pm



Come create with us!!

Bring your crafting supplies
with you and we'll have lunch
together.

To reserve your spot, and to make sure we have plenty of lunch to share, please sign up in the narthex. Let us know you're coming and how many people will be coming with you. If you can help provide taco fixings or other foods/goodies for the group, please sign up for that too.

(Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!)

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.

Sunday, November 22: Mark Your Calendars!!

Take Home Discussions

Sunday, October 25, 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- Matthew 16:13-20

What enabled Peter to know that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God?

Tuesday- John 1:29-30

What name does John give to Jesus? What does this reveal about Jesus' nature?

Wednesday- Mark 3:22

Who did the scribes associate Jesus with? What does this say about their understanding of him?

Thursday- 1 Corinthians 2:2

How does the title Christ and him Crucified, reveal to us what we need to know about Jesus?

Friday- John 19:16-22

Though Pilate claimed Jesus as king, why did many reject him as their king? How even on the cross is Jesus still our king?

Saturday- Revelation 1:8

What titles does Jesus give himself here? What do they say about his being beyond our knowledge? Though he is so far above us why does he still humbly desire to be known to us as Christ Crucified?



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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