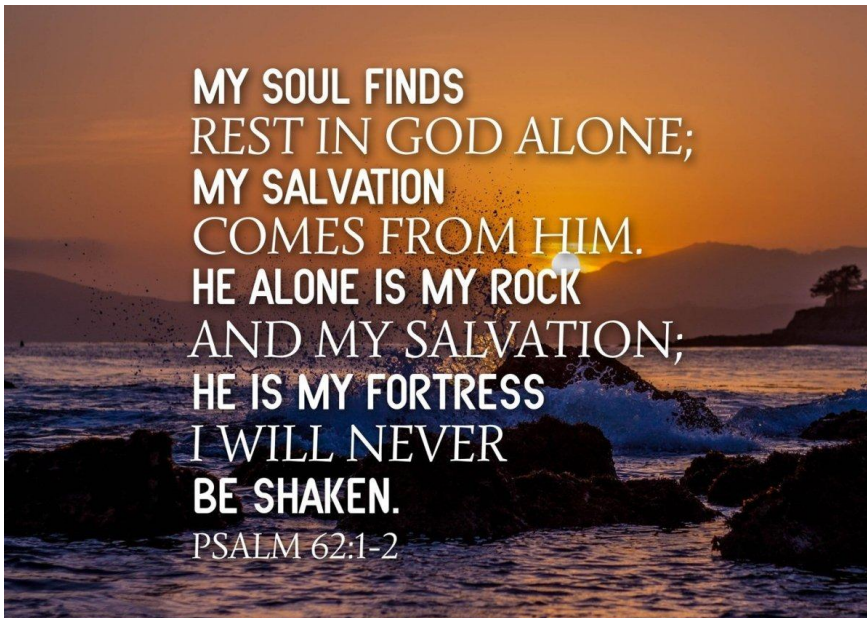


Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 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 join with Habakkuk in the cry of "How Long o Lord?" Habakkuk was living in a time when the kingdom of Judah was living in faithlessness and lawlessness. Habakkuk was asking how long God would put up with such injustice before acting. When God told Habakkuk what he was going to do about the injustice, Habakkuk had a hard time understanding why God would act in that way. So often we are like Habakkuk, asking how long he is going to allow evil to continue, not just in our society but in our own lives as well. However, God reminds Habakkuk that the righteous will live by Faith. So the thought for today's service is, "how do we remain faithful even when we don't understand what God is doing in our lives?"

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

GOD IS HERE

WOV 719

***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.

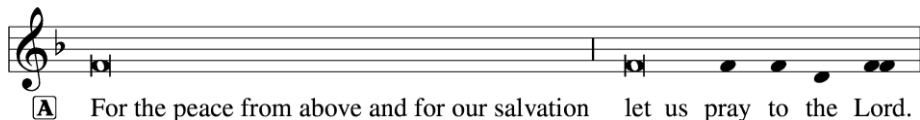
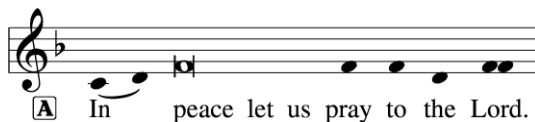
(Silence)

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





C Lord, have mer - cy.



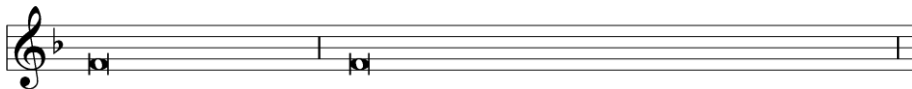
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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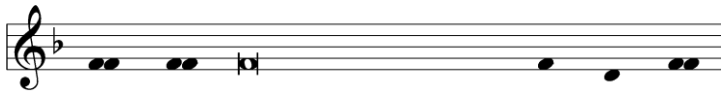
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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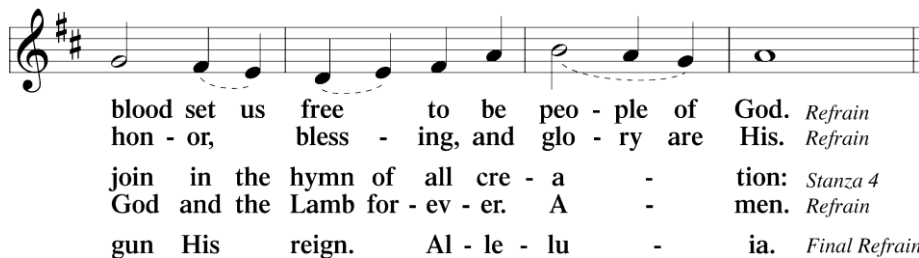
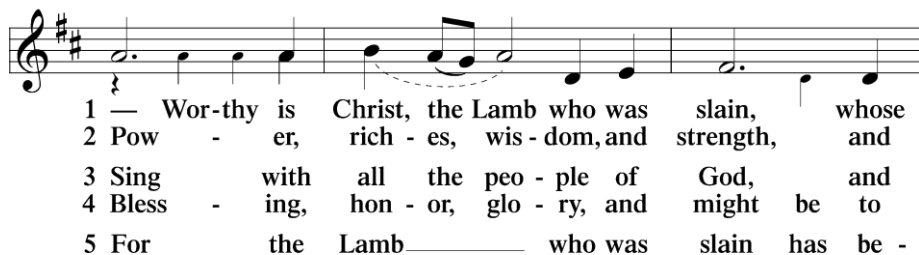


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (ESV)

Lector: The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me:

"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 62 (ESV)

Lector: For God alone my soul waits in silence;

Cong: from him comes my salvation.

Lector: He alone is my rock and my salvation,

Cong: my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Lector: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,

Cong: like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

Lector: They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

Cong: They take pleasure in falsehood.

Lector: They bless with their mouths,

Cong: but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

Lector: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

Cong: for my hope is from him.

Lector: He only is my rock and my salvation,

Cong: my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Lector: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

Cong: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Lector: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
Cong: God is a refuge for us.

Lector: Those of low estate are but a breath;
Cong: those of high estate are a delusion;

Lector: in the balances they go up;
Cong: they are together lighter than a breath.

Lector: Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
Cong: if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Lector: Once God has spoken;
Cong: twice have I heard this:

Lector: that power belongs to God,
Cong: and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

Lector: For you will render to a man according to his work.
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 1:1-14 (ESV)

Lector: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

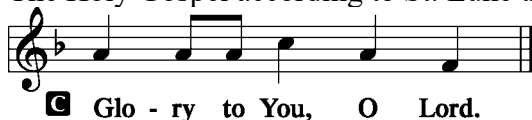


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 17:1-10 (ESV)

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

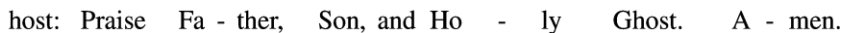
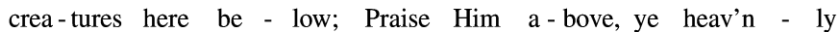
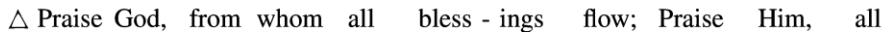


***HYMN OF THE DAY** *A NEW COMMANDMENT* **WOV664**

REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

Cong: Amen.

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* LSB805**



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***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.

Father in heaven, You give to Your people a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control. Bless Your people with winsomeness and wisdom, that they might confidently speak Your Word in faith and love to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, remember our pastors whom You have called to a holy calling. Embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus, and strengthen them by Your power to suffer courageously for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other, and strengthen them in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that orphans may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, hear us on behalf of those who exercise authority over us, who order us according to our laws, who execute justice and who defend us against our enemies. Bless our president; Congress; governor; legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: God, our Rock, grant faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing to those who are suffering from the effects of sin in their bodies or minds, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Be their refuge so they are not shaken even in times of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Merciful Lord, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This day we rejoice that our sins are forgiven in the washing of Baptism, the declaration of absolution, and the eating and drinking of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continually strengthen our faith through Your Word, and prepare our hearts to faithfully receive this divine gift, which brings the immortal body and blood of Jesus to our very lips. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Faithful God, strengthen us against all temptation and guard our steps, that in our weakness or in our liberty, we do not cause others to sin. Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You. Comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on Your appointed day and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

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

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

IMMANUEL CHOIR



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.

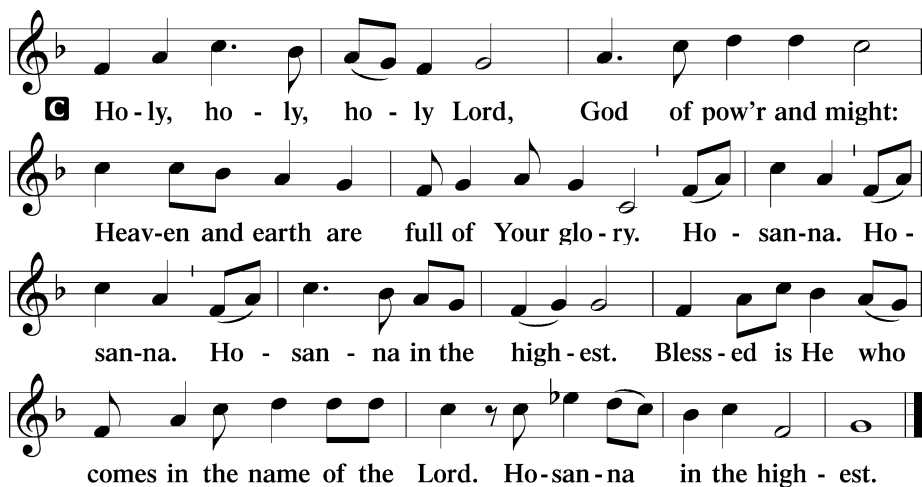
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

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

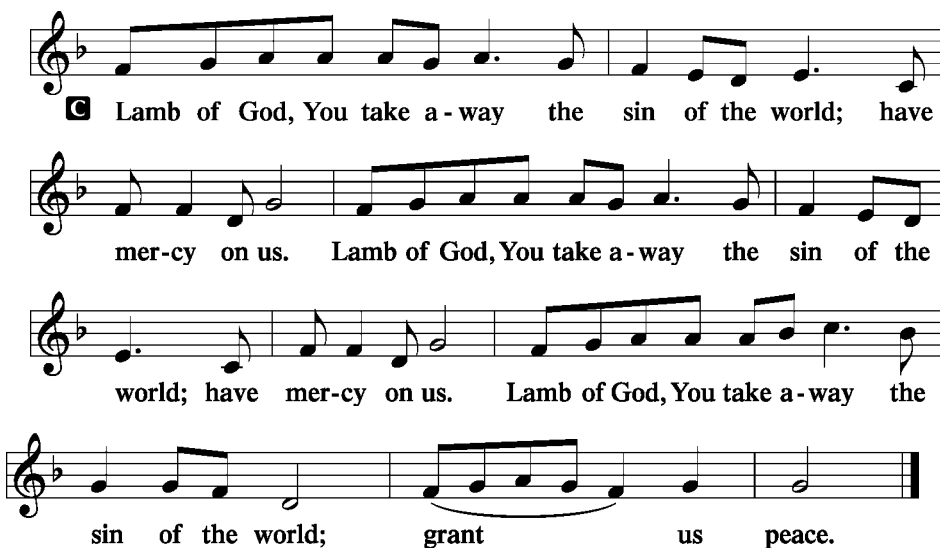
Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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



☐ 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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

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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 - jice 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

BIBLE STUDY W/PAUL WILLS

Join us **Tuesday mornings at 10am at Immanuel** for a new Bible study as we explore the book of Matthew, the first Gospel in the New Testament. Often called "the Gospel of the Kingdom," Matthew presents Jesus as the long-awaited Jewish Messiah who fulfills Old Testament prophecy. Through His teachings, miracles, parables, and the transformative Sermon on the Mount, we will discover what it truly means to be a disciple of the King. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY W/ THE BAUMGARTS:

Tuesday nights at Immanuel—at 7pm.

Our study will be one of the Minor Prophets—Hosea.

All are welcome to join us and learn about God's relentless love for his people!

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie or Larry Baumgart.

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: Immanual is currently building teams to help with **sound and live stream production during our church services**, and we'd love for you to join us! No experience is needed—training and support are provided. Since the system works best with two people, you'll always have a partner to serve alongside. We simply ask for a commitment of helping about once a month. If you're curious, want to learn more, or would like to schedule a training session, please reach out to AnnMarie at **AnnMarie4586@gmail.com**. We look forward to serving with you!

Many Thanks,
AnnMarie



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!!

Beth Mitchell is recovering nicely after major surgery in early September. She won't know until September 30th what kind of chemo the doctor will recommend or for how long. Originally, he said four treatments, three weeks apart, but now that her pathology report came back all negative, that plan may change. Please keep her in 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

SEPTEMBER'S MISSION: **CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
5 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	6	7 5:30PM MARY MARTHA MTG 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	8	9	10	11 10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY @ ILC
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Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 10/5/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & Larry Baumgart	Shelly Reynolds
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 Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Denny Patzner & 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

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- Psalm 13

What was causing David to say “how long?” What do the final two verses of the Psalm reveal about how to remain faithful while asking this question?

Tuesday- Ruth 1:15-18

At this point Ruth and Naomi had lost nearly everything. Ruth had an opportunity to go and make a life for herself, but said these verses instead. What do you think helped her respond in this way?

Wednesday- Job 38:1-7

The majority of the book of Job is him and his friends questioning and pondering over the justice of God. What is God telling Job by these verses, and how do they help us when we begin to doubt the actions of God?

Thursday- Isaiah 55:8-9

What are some things you know that God has done that astound you because you didn't think they could/would be done? How does this help us in difficult situations?

Friday- Luke 23:39-42

What thing does Jesus do here that is hard to understand? Why did he do it?

*“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.”*

Habukkuk 3:17-18



The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting our annual

“Sip & Shop”

(New name!!)

Sunday, 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!!

Share Your Talents!!!

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

***Below are examples of
donated items to consider making for
the Annual Sip & Shop:***

- Hand-made crafts
- Wooden puzzles/toys
 - Ornaments
- Christmas stockings
- Home-made baked goods, candies, nuts, jellies, frozen pizzas, soups, stews
- Home-crafted beers and wines
 - Flower arrangements
 - Christmas cards



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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