Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Divine Service IV
All Saints Day

November 1, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today is All Saints Day, where we remember the great and victorious vision of Revelation 7. In this image we get a glimpse of the Church, everyone who Christ has saved. It is also a day where we remember the Saints who have gone on before us and are already with Jesus. How are we to think of these Saints? We praise God for saving them through Christ Jesus. We also look to their earthly lives as examples of God's faithfulness, pulling them through countless difficult situations until he gave them the ultimate victory in heaven. So today we will be remembering the Saints, and seeing how we can be sure that since God was faithful to them, he will be faithful to us as well.

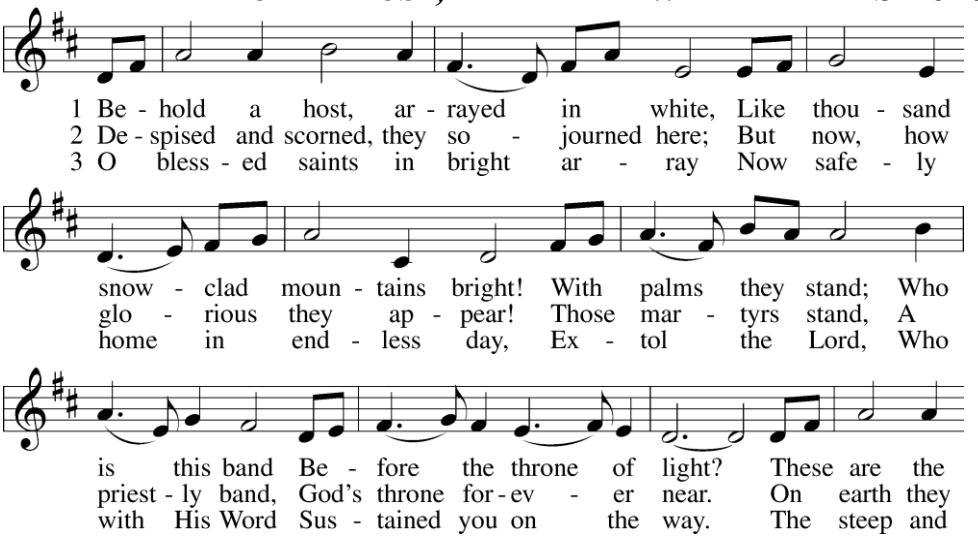
PRELUDE — **SARA MCGARVEY, PIANO**
NICK KOGON, VIOLIN

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE **LSB 676**



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*Confession and Absolution

*Invocation

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

*Exhortation

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Cong: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Cong: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/stand

*Confession of Sins

Cong: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Prayer for Forgiveness

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 int the name of the Falther and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Cong: **Amen.**

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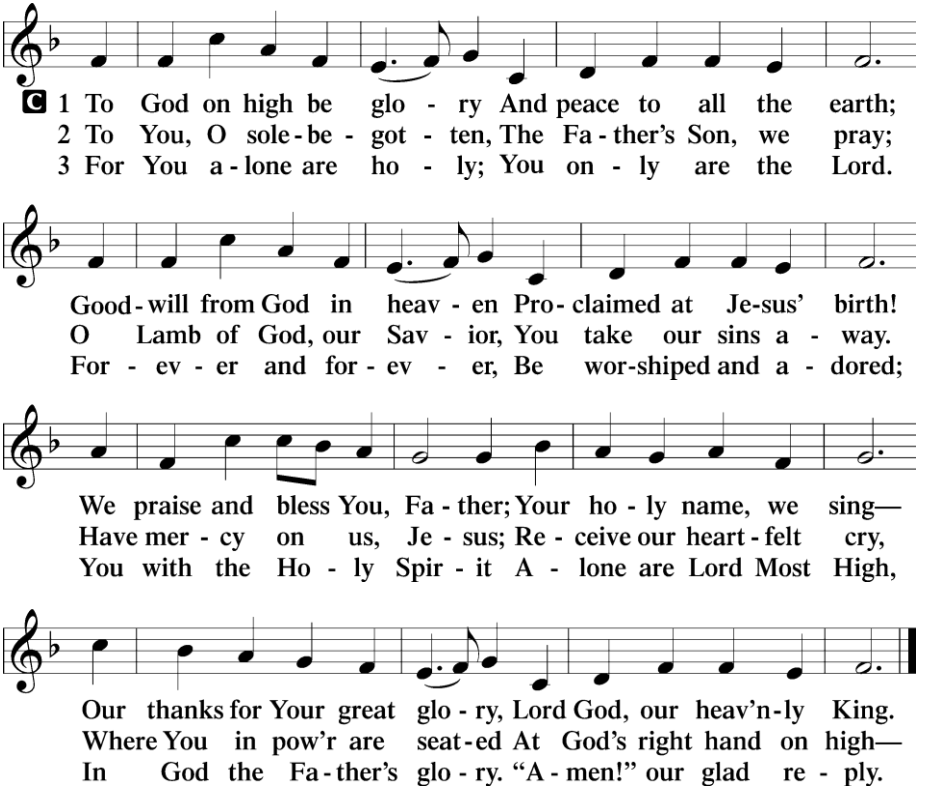

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING — REVELATION 7:2-17 (ESV)

Lector: Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM **PSALM 149 (ESV)**

Lector: Praise the Lord!
Cong: **Sing to the Lord a new song,**
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Lector: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
Cong: **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Lector: Let them praise his name with dancing,
Cong: **making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

Lector: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
Cong: **he adorns the humble with salvation.**

Lector: Let the godly exult in glory;
Cong: **let them sing for joy on their beds.**

Lector: Let the high praises of God be in their throats
Cong: **and two-edged swords in their hands,**

Lector: to execute vengeance on the nations
Cong: **and punishments on the peoples,**

Lector: to bind their kings with chains
Cong: **and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
to execute on them the judgment written!

Lector: This is honor for all his godly ones.
Cong: **Praise the Lord!**

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 — I JOHN 3:1-3 (ESV)

Lector: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*HOLY GOSPEL — MATTHEW 5:1-12 (ESV)

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON — REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *FOR ALL THE SAINTS* LSB 677

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*NICENE CREED

**Cong: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the
Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

Cong: **And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.**

(John 11:25-26)

Pastor: We honor the witness of those who died in the faith this past All Saints year, including:

- **Sandra Jean Hale**, Stephen Presdorf's cousin, died Feb. 17, 2026
- **Daniel Duchon,** Renee Yorton's father, died Feb. 18, 2026
- **Ruth E. Krueger,** mother of John Krueger and wife of Rev. Dale Krueger, died April 11, 2026
- **Bryan Courtney Beuschel,** Grant Beuschel's father died July 17, 2026
- **Mike Vasas,** brother-in-law of Jane Schley, died Oct. 21, 2026

…and all others we hold in our hearts and those not spoken aloud.

Pastor: Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: **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, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, we know Your great love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain all expectant mothers and their little ones. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

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 *SOON AND VERY SOON*

BY ANDRAÉ CROUCH
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

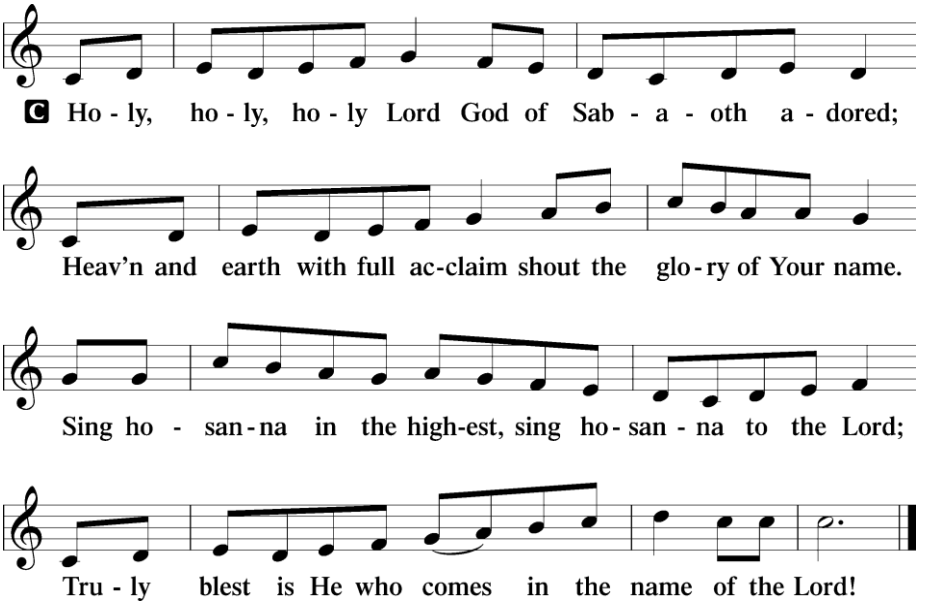
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Cong: And also with you.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight.

Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

*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

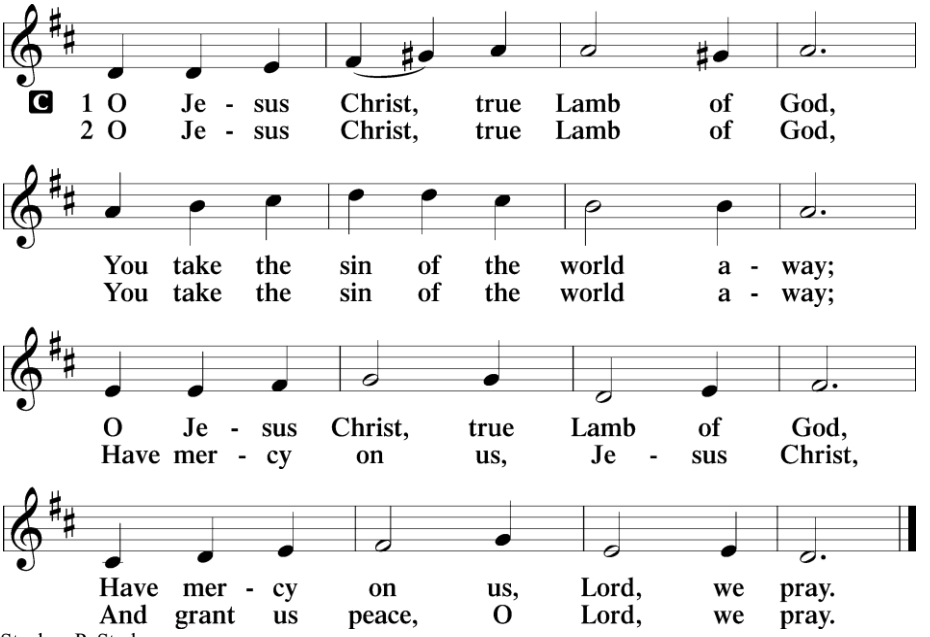
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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



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COMMUNION {*Intentional time of quiet meditation*}

COMMUNION HYMNS

O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE LSB 617

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O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

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SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS LSB 636

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*Post-Communion Prayer

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 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.

*Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

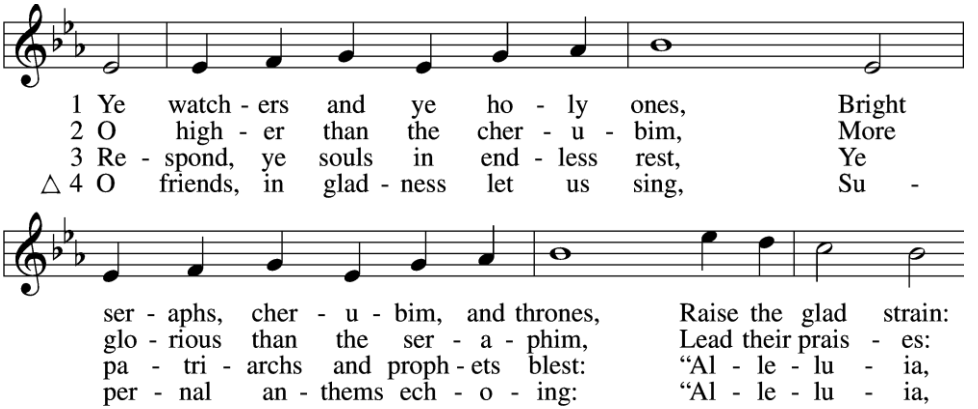
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Cong: Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones **LSB 670**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Otherwise noted for November: Because Pastor G will be on vacation from Nov. 16-21, the November class will be held on Saturday, November 7th @ the regular time, beginning at 9am.

ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Marian Brugh has entered hospice care.

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

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

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

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

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

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 11/1/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Reynolds
Sunday 11/8/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Amber Townsend	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
Sunday 12/6/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Renee & Garvin Yorton

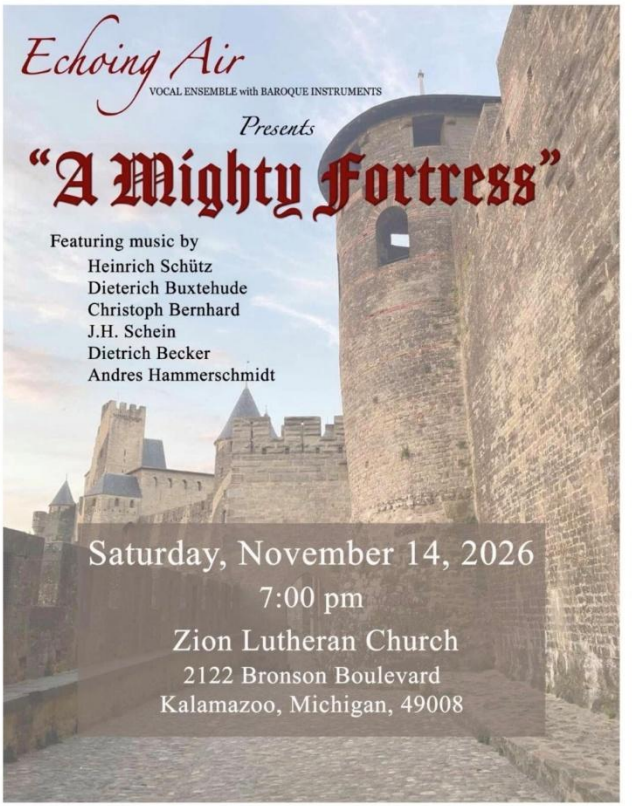
Church Calendar

November's MISSION: Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners

December's MISSION: Pastor Groth's Belize Mission

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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	**3** 5:30pm Mary/Martha 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**4** 5pm Confirmation Class	**5**	**6**	**7** 9:00am Adult Catechism Class
8 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service (Iqbal) 11:30 Children's Choir	9	**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 Pastor…	**17** 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC …on vacation..	**18** **Nov16-22, 2026**	**19**	**20**	**21** **Pastor Returns**
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**
29 Advent Begins 8:30 Choir Practice 9:15 Sunday School 10 am Communion Service 11:30 Children's Choir 11:30am Bible Study w/Pastor	30	**Dec. 1** 5:30pm Mary/Martha 10am Wills' Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study--@ ILC	**2** 5pm Confirmation Class 7pm Midweek I Advent Service	**3**	**4**	**5**

Join Us Saturday, November 14 at 7:00pm for an Evening of Early Lutheran Music - Echoing Air presents an evening of early Lutheran music. “A Mighty Fortress” features some of the earliest Lutheran hymns and songs performed vocally and on period-era instruments. We hope to see you for this free concert.



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.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mid-week Advent Services will be offered on Wednesday evenings in December @ 7:00 p.m.

(beginning 12/2/2026)

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve
Communion Services at 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day at 9am

Take Home Discussions Sunday, November 1, 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- Hebrews 11:4-7

Hebrews 11 is a great example of looking back at God's faithfulness to his Saints. How was God faithful to Abel, Enoch and Noah even in times of great tribulation and difficulty?

Tuesday- Hebrews 11:8-16

What impossible promises did God make to Abraham? Was he faithful to Abraham? What does this say about his promises to you?

Wednesday- Hebrews 11:17-22

How was Abraham's faith passed down to his descendants Isaac, Jacob and Joseph? How do we pass down our faith?

Thursday- Hebrews 11:23-31

What difficult situations did God pull the Israelites through using his servant Moses? How did this result in even Rahab being saved?

Friday- Hebrews 11:32-40

Though not everyone got to receive the earthly promised land, but underwent persecution instead, was God still faithful? What was the greater promised land he was bringing the people of faith to?

Saturday- Hebrews 12:1-3

How are we still surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses? How does God use the faith of past saints to encourage us today? Who were all these saints looking to as they walked this earthly life, and what does this tell us about who we ought to be looking to?

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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