

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Lift up your hands in
the sanctuary, And
bless the Lord .
Psalms 134:2

The Divine Service I
The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Today is the last day of the Church year, and we will be reflecting on what Christ has accomplished on the cross. Most eyes would see being placed on the cross as a mark of defeat, shame and loss. However, for those like the thief and the centurion, it is possible to see that it is on the cross where Christ receives all glory, power and even the kingdom. How can Jesus accomplish all of this while being nailed to the cross, and how does the cross still speak to us today?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

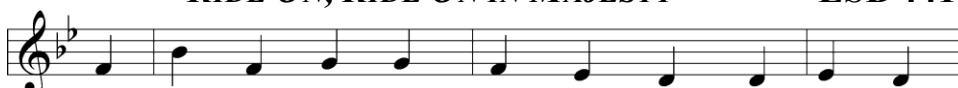
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk. **

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

LSB 441



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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***INVOCATION**

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

Cong: Amen

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

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

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

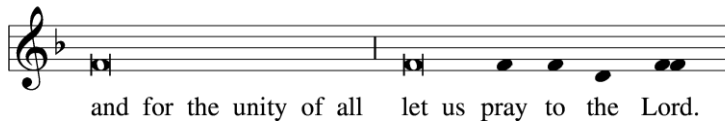
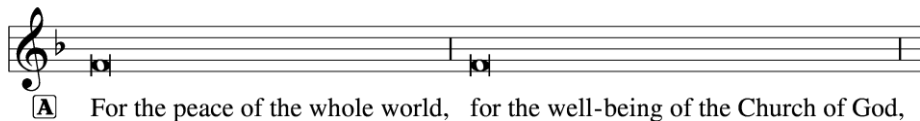
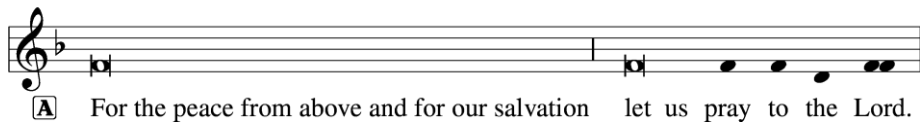
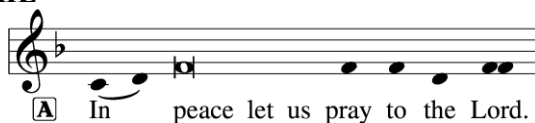
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

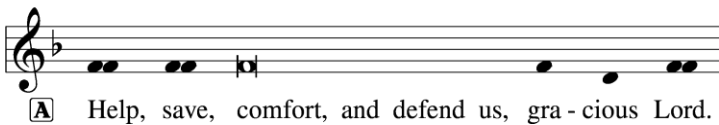
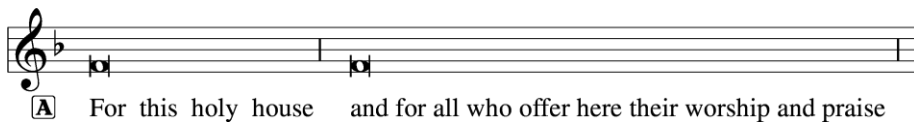
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

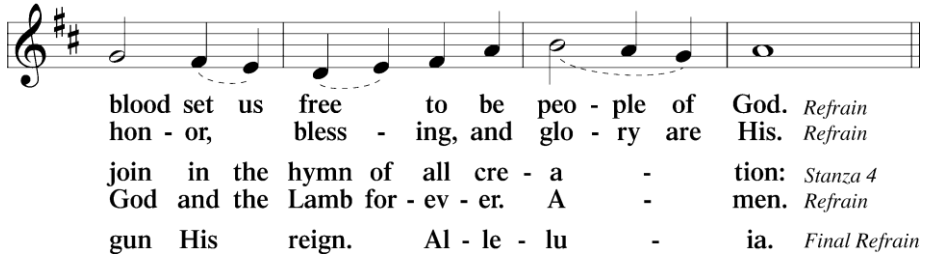
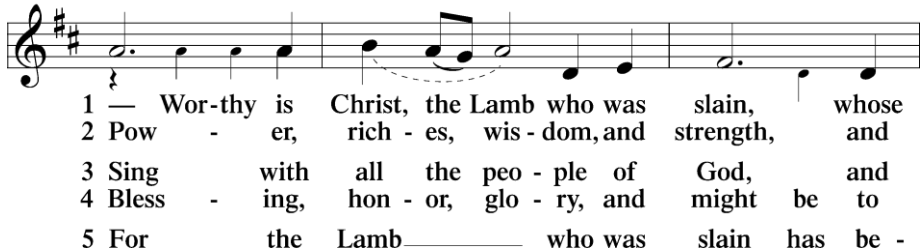
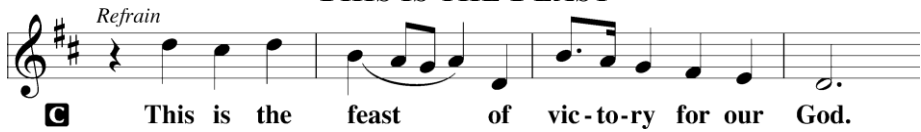
Cong: Amen.

*KYRIE





THIS IS THE FEAST



SERVICE OF THE WORD

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

MALACHI 3:13-18 (ESV)

Lector: “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

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;

Lector: he burns the chariots with fire.

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

Lector: I will be exalted among the nations,

Cong: 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

COLOSSIANS 1:13-20 (ESV)

Lector: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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 23:27-49 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty- third chapter.



And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

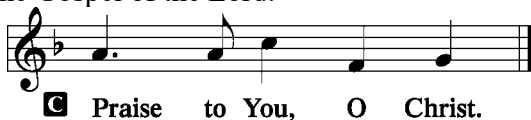
Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him,^l “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

LSB 437

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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SERMON

REV. JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

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

Cong: Amen.

***NICENE CREED**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

O Lord, grant that we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly reign first from the cross and on whom we wait for the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into our eternal rest by the merits of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, bless this congregation and Your whole Church with faithful pastors and church workers who speak without embarrassment or apology the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Grant that we, as hearers of this Gospel, may respond with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, by Christ's atoning death we are spared as sons and estimated as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord and the esteem of Your name, serve You faithfully, and walk in Your charge undismayed by the prosperity of the wicked, until all is revealed at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body and mind. Relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying and comfort those who grieve, especially those held closely in our hearts (*pause*), that in their need You may be their strength and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, bring us in repentance and faith to receive rightly Your Son's body and blood. Manifest in us the unity of faith and a strong witness before the world. By this communion, let our lives bear the good fruits of Your Spirit in holy words and works. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, preserve Your people from all temptation and amid all trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair. Grant that Your people be bold and faithful witnesses to those around them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father 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

OFFERTORY

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

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 to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

*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."

***PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: 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

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{INTENTIONAL PAUSE FOR SILENT MEDITATION}

COMMUNION HYMNS

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

LSB 761



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the




vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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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 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.

***BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

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

To note: The Worship Committee would like you each to participate in a survey regarding the possibility of your participation in Christmas Day worship services this year and/or in the future. Please fill out the enclosed survey form and drop it in the marked box in the narthex. Thank-you!!



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

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 and daughter of Mary 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
Candace Graham , former ILC member	Theo Yoakam , Cheryl Schreiber's great grandson
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

NOVEMBER'S MISSION: **THE EDISON INITIATIVE**

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR 3:00PM ADVENT WREATH- MAKING 4:30PM MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF	24	25 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	26 7:00PM THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	27	28	29
30 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	DEC 1	2 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	3 7:00PM MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE	4	5	6
7 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	8	9 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 9AM-12PM CIRCUIT WINKEL 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	10 7:00PM MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE	11	12	13 10AM-12PM "EASE INTO CHRISTMAS" W/ MARY & MARTHA GUILD
14 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR	15	16 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 5:00-6:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	17 7:00PM MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE	18	19	20

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 11/23/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	John Hecht	Mark Miller	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve 11/26/2025	NA	Vivian Westpahl	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sunday 11/30/2025	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 12/7/2025	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Rita Clarke
Sunday 12/14/2025	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Jane Schley	Randy Horneber	Dave Mandrick	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 12/21/2025	Elijah and Nora Lawrence	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley
Christmas Eve (3pm) 12/24/2025	Linus and Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Andrew Lustila	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	NA
Christmas Eve (7pm) 12/24/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Rita Clarke	Kim Sharp	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	NA



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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