

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Through the first 11 chapters of Romans Paul has outlined for us God's plan of salvation for his people. His plan is truly marvelous and worthy of praise! However, encountering God's acts of salvation should not leave us the same. God's salvation changes us, transforming us to be more and more like his Son. What does this look like, and how does he transform us? These are the reflection questions we will be covering today.

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

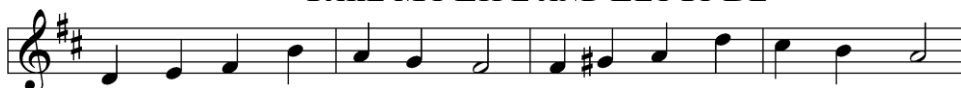
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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 783

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly - for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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***INVOCATION**

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

Cong: Amen.

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

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

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

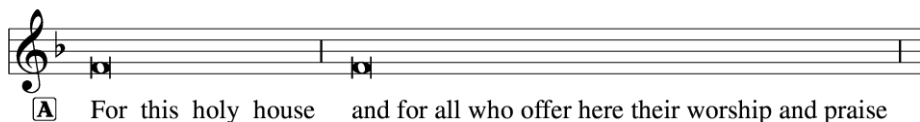
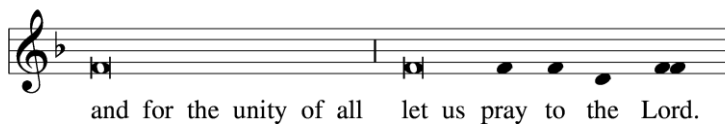
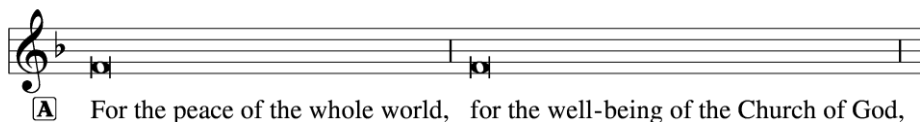
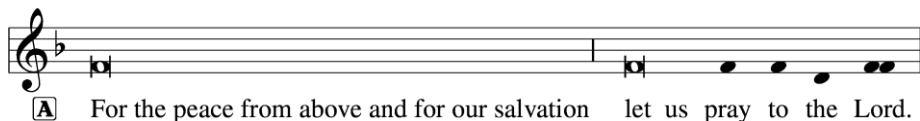
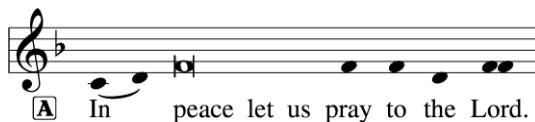
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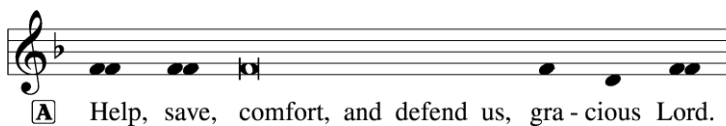
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

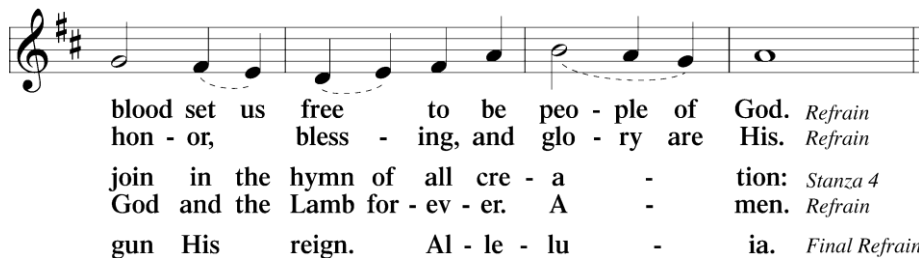
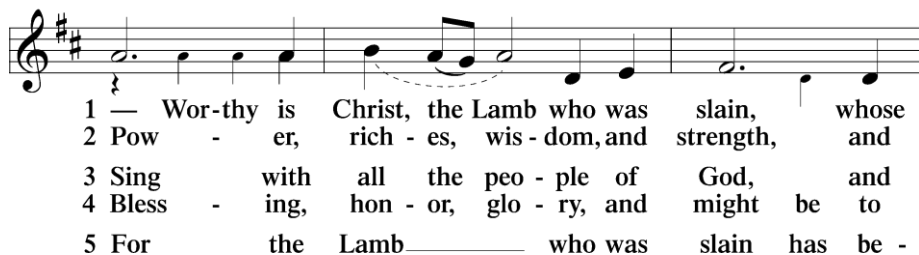
Cong: Amen.

KYRIE





*THIS IS THE FEAST



SERVICE OF THE WORD

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 51:1-6 (ESV)

Lector: “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,

and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 138 (ESV)

Lector: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

Cong: before the gods I sing your praise;

Lector: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name

Cong: for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

Lector: for you have exalted above all things

Cong: your name and your word.

Lector: On the day I called, you answered me;

Cong: my strength of soul you increased.

Lector: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

Cong: for they have heard the words of your mouth,

Lector: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

Cong: for great is the glory of the Lord.

Lector: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

Cong: but the haughty he knows from afar.

Lector: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

Cong: you preserve my life;

Lector: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

Cong: and your right hand delivers me.

Lector: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

Cong: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Lector: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:33-12:8 (ESV)

Lector: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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**

MATTHEW 16:13-20 (ESV)

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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SERMON

PASTOR JOSHUA GROTELUESCHEN

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

Cong: Amen.

***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, bestow upon us Your riches and wisdom. Grant us increasing knowledge of You through Your Word, and help us to trust in Your grace and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O God, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: God of compassion, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, bless and guide our president, Congress, governor and all civil leaders, that they may faithfully pursue peace and unity in the realm. Give also to all judges and magistrates wisdom and the grace to pursue justice with mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, our God, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness and affliction, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*) and comfort all who mourn with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Righteous Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful God, You have redeemed us in Christ and declared us righteous and holy in Him. Graciously grant that we may offer You our very selves as living sacrifices, that we may glorify You in all we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

Pastor: The 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.

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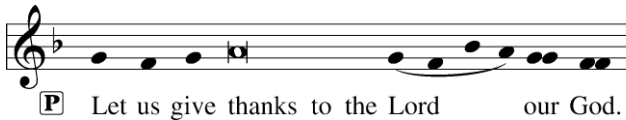
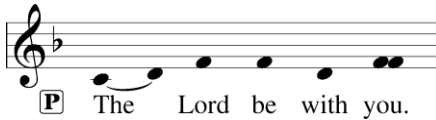
LOOK AT THE WORLD BY JOHN RUTTER
LINDA RICHTER & MARK MILLER, SOLOISTS



*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: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Cong: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: Amen.

*AGNUS DEI

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

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COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

WOV 711

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

WOV 697

I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

WOV 700

*THANK THE LORD



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

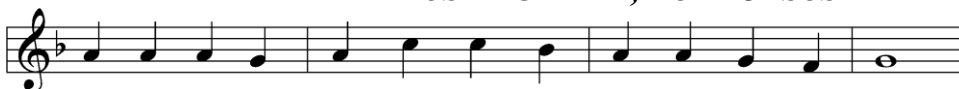
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

LSB 729

I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE invites you to “walk in the footsteps of Jesus” as we walk and pray for our Westwood neighbors. The Prayer Walk will take place on Sunday, August 30th, directly after the morning service and refreshments. For those unable to walk, we will start out praying in the sanctuary.

Afterwards, we will take our walk outside. *(Make sure to wear comfortable shoes!)* In case of rain, we will have a “Popcorn Prayer” vigil indoors. Please sign up in the narthex no later than August 18th. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Pastor, Beth Mitchell, Pam Brelje, or Linda Richter.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

We will be creating a new Church Directory and need your beautiful faces in it!! Our last pictorial directory was created well over a decade ago. We have hired a professional directory company (**Universal Church Directories**) with professional photographers who will be here on Friday, October 2nd (1-7:30pm) and Saturday, October 3rd (10-4:00pm) to take your pictures. There is absolutely NO COST to church members, *unless you would like to order pictures*. The company assures us that they WILL NEVER apply any pressure to anyone to order pictures. Each family/individual will receive a **FREE 8x10 color picture**—no hidden costs—you simply need to schedule an appointment. Beginning in mid-late September, we will have a table set up in the narthex for you to sign up for a 12-15 minute slot to have your picture taken on the dates given above. There will be more information coming soon. For now, just jot the dates in your calendar! We hope to have 100% participation!





ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Mary Reynolds is requesting that we continue to pray for little **Dallas**, Mary's great grandson, who was born on Monday 8/10/2026. Dallas was initially in the NICU at Bronson on both a feeding tube and a breathing tube. He has since been sent home to his parents who have begun to feed him with a nasogastric feeding tube. Thankfully, he was born with a healthy weight.

Dotty Smith requests special prayers for her friend **David W.** who is going through a hard time. She also requests prayers for her friend **Scott**, who had surgery earlier this week.

GRIEF:

HOMEBOUND: Marian Brugh, Ellen Plano, John Curtiss, Dotty Smith and Jerome Dirst.

CONGREGATION: PLEASE check the prayer list periodically and let our secretary, Ailene, know if any name should be removed or added. Also, if you or a loved one needs prayer, you're welcome to let her know to add the name (and situation—if you want) to this prayer list. In addition to this list, there is a Prayer Chain of Immanuel members who pray regularly for folks. Let Ailene know if you would like the Prayer Chain members to pray for your concerns.

The church email address is ILCKalamazoo@gmail.com.

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 .
Jeri Noneman	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	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	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
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, & Brian Long	

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule						
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 8/23/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Patti Wills—snacks Jane Schley--coffee
Sunday 8/30/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Longsioux
Sunday 9/6/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	TBA	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Renee & Garvin Yorton
Sunday 9/13/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	TBA	Randy Horneber	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Beth Mitchell—coffee Vivian Westphal—snacks
Sunday 9/20/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	TBA	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Jan Schaffer—coffee Kelly Quardokus--snacks
9/27/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	TBA	John Hecht	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
10/4/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	TBA	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Sue Steuer

CHURCH CALENDAR

August's MISSION: Lutheran Bible Translators
September's MISSION: Crossroads Bible Institute

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	24	25 6PM ILC SINGING WORKSHOP 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	26	27	28	29
30 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM PRAYER WALK	31	SEPT. 1 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	2	3	4	5
6 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	7 	8 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	9	10	11	12 10-3PM M/M CRAFT DAY
13 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	14	15 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	16	17	18	19 11AM-CLOSE TOWNSENDS' PIG ROAST
20 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE (IQBAL) 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	21	22 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	23	24	25	26
27 (NO CHOIR PRACTICE) 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	28	29 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	30	OCT 1 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG	2 1-7:30PM CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES	3 10-4:30PM CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES



***SINGING WORKSHOP:** ALL are invited to a fun singing workshop on **Tuesday, August 25th at 6pm in the Sanctuary**. This is for all ages, for anyone who has ever wanted to learn more about how to sing well. Our music director, (professional singer and vocal coach) Sara McGarvey will lead a fun group voice lesson and intro to vocal technique.

There will be good info for all levels of singers, including compete beginners or seasoned singers! If you're curious about joining choir, or if you just want to have a stronger singing voice for hymns on Sunday, we hope you'll join us!

***IMMANUEL CHOIR STARTS 9/13:** Please join us for choir practice on **Sundays at 8:30am in the Sanctuary!** All are invited to sing with us, no matter your level, skill or music reading ability. Parents who want to join, we have child care/kids' Sunday School during choir. Even if you're not sure, come check out a rehearsal with us. It's great fellowship, contribute musically to worship, and a wonderful way to be involved at Immanuel!

*Text or call **Sara at 734-576-1183** or email music.ilckalamazoo@gmail.com with any questions regarding the workshop or choir.

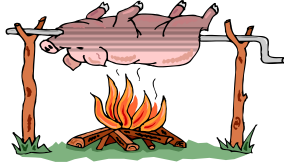


On behalf of the Solid Grounds Campus Ministry Team, we want to thank you for the overwhelming generosity and support for our summer fundraiser. Because of these gifts we were able to build walls, add furniture, upgrade and update the building. But more importantly we are so close to opening our doors more regularly to welcome students, workers, and community members into our community of authentic believers who share the love of Christ.

Once we complete all our updates and get through a few weeks of student arrivals, we want to invite you to come see and be a part of this unique mission ministry. Thank you again!

Aaron Grube, DCE, @ WMU Solid Grounds Campus Ministry

Come join us for our
Annual Pig (Pork) Roast



@ the home of **Chuck & Amber Townsend**
Saturday, September 19th. 2026

(Sign-up sheet in the Narthex)

The fun will start about 11:00AM with dinner planned for about 12 NOON. We will have games including corn-in-the-hole and yard jarts. (Feel free to bring other games of your own!)

All ages are welcome! We have quite a bit of seating, so if you have a lawn chair in your car “just in case”, don’t worry about bringing it to the yard with you. Also, we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we will have an idea of how much pork to smoke, and it lets you sign up for a dish to pass. We will be providing tea, water and lemonade. You are welcome to bring any other beverages of your choice.

There is plenty of on-street parking, as well as a roped off area in our yard that holds about 20 cars. To park in yard, turn right after the big rock.

Amber & Chuck Townsend – (269) 599-6268
8215 Teakwood, Portage, MI. 49024

Directions:

Take 131 South to Centre Avenue (exit 31). Turn left on Centre 2.2 miles and turn right on Brookwood for .3 miles to Woodview. Turn left and go 335 feet Teakwood and turn left. Our drive is 311 feet long.

Also: We could really use the help of others to set up before and tear down after the pig roast. Please contact Amber or Chuck if you can do this.

Thank-you!!!



"Stamps for Mission" Project— A Fundraiser for Becky Grossman's Work with Lutheran Bible Translators



WHAT IS IT?

This is a fundraising initiative where you can donate used postage stamps in an effort to raise funds to support Becky's work with Lutheran Bible Translators. With Christmas cards and letters coming in the next few months, it's a good time to start saving the used stamps.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

When you turn in your used stamps, volunteers will collect, clean, and sell the stamps, with the proceeds going to Lutheran Bible Translators. The most profitable stamps include foreign, rare, old, and commemorative stamps.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Jane has a box in the Narthex marked "Stamps for Becky Grossman—LBT". Please place your used, trimmed stamps in it.
- If you have any questions, feel free to call Jane at (269) 599-4789 or email her at AJSchley@sbcglobal.net or just see her in church.

If you want to contribute to this ministry here is what we look for:

1. All intact picture postcards. **Do not** cut off the stamps, send the entire postcard.
2. All old (pre-1930) envelopes intact. **Do not** cut off the stamps.
3. All foreign stamps, large and small.
4. Large commemorative U.S. stamps.
5. Small definitive (common) U.S. stamps (including USA nonprofit bulk stamps), except **DO NOT** save Love, Flag, Bell, OR Christmas stamps. Save unused charity return mail stamps.
6. Any collections of stamps, save on sheets if possible, and do not remove stamps from pages or albums.
7. New stamps, as well as used ones, have value, also Post Office metered postage is not valuable.

Note: If at all possible, stamps should be trimmed leaving about 1/4" margin around the stamp. Do not trim stamps to touch perforations or the stamps will be discarded."

Also: Do not send stamps marked "nonprofit" and "bulk".



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

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