

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

*STRIVE TO ENTER IN
AT THE STRAIT GATE:*

LUKE 13:24 (KJV)



*FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU,
WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN,
AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.*

THE DIVINE SERVICE IV

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER-

God bless you in worship today! In Today's Worship service we will be reading from Hebrews 12, which is a reflection on why God disciplines us, as well as Jesus' teaching in Luke 13 about striving to enter into the narrow door. Many people think that to earn God's favor we have to be good, that we need to prove to him that we deserve entering Heaven. However, when we reflect on God's true and Holy Law we find that we come up short. Yet there is still a Narrow Door to Heaven. Reflect on what Jesus could be referring to as the Narrow Door, and how does God's Discipline help us to see and enter it?

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN *RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE* LSB825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed,	With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en,	Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry	Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion	His new cre - a - tion.

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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.

*CONFESSION OF SINS

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

* THE WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

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

Cong: Amen.

* KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 66:18-23 (ESV)

Lector: For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the Lord.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 50:1-15 (ESV)

Lector: The Mighty One, God the Lord,

Cong: speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Lector: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Cong: Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

Lector: before him is a devouring fire,

Cong: around him a mighty tempest.

Lector: He calls to the heavens above

Cong: and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Lector: “Gather to me my faithful ones,

Cong: who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

Lector: The heavens declare his righteousness,

Cong: for God himself is judge!

Lector: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

Cong: O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Lector: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

Cong: your burnt offerings are continually before me.

Lector: I will not accept a bull from your house

Cong: or goats from your folds.

Lector: For every beast of the forest is mine,

Cong: the cattle on a thousand hills.

Lector: I know all the birds of the hills,

Cong: and all that moves in the field is mine.

Lector: “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,

Cong: for the world and its fullness are mine.

Lector: Do I eat the flesh of bulls'
Cong: or drink the blood of goats?

Lector: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Cong: and perform your vows to the Most High,

Lector: and call upon me in the day of trouble;
Cong: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

**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

HEBREWS 12:4-24 (ESV)

Lector: In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.
For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 13:22-30 (ESV)

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

WOV781

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG

***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: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to enter ever more deeply into Your blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. By the witness of Your saints, gather many from the very corners of this world to enter Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called fathers to bring up their children in Your fear and love. Sanctify and sustain them through Your Word, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth Your own divine care for Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Eternal King, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your eternal life so she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*). Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Merciful God, bring together all who come from east and west and from north and south to recline at Your table this day to feast upon the body and blood of Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament, that the speaking of Your Word would strengthen and sustain them in the one true faith. Grant them Your abundant blessing in the kingdom of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, we give thanks to You for St. Bartholomew and for Your prophets, apostles and faithful people in every age. Have mercy on us and keep us steadfast in their fellowship to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You have drawn to Yourself believers from all nations and sanctified them in Holy Baptism as priests and Levites in Your Church. Fortify their faith and embolden their witness, that many may be gathered into the new heavens and new earth; 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.***

OFFERTORY

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783



- 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.

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*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.

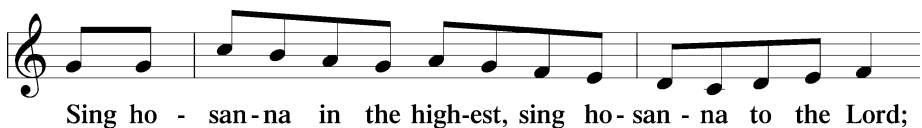
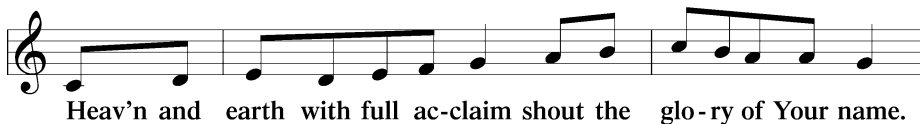
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{INTENTIONAL TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION}

COMMUNION HYMNS

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

WOV 705

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

WOV 710

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL **WOV 713**

*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.**

*CLOSING HYMN

WOV721

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

*BLESSING

Assist: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Candace Graham, former ILC member, was recently diagnosed with stage three laryngeal cancer. She and husband will be traveling to Ann Arbor daily for the next seven weeks, starting on August 25, for radiation treatment and chemotherapy.

GRIEF: Jane Schley's cousin, **Toni**, passed away in July. Please pray for comfort for her family.

THANKSGIVING: Jane Schley's granddaughter, **Alice**, had her feeding tube removed. Jane thanks you all for your faithful prayers for Alice and for Toni (mentioned above).

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

IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

LONG TERM CONCERNS

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds	Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz, requested by Jonathan Fritz
Vicki Dille y, requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Suzie Brink , Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill Brink , her brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Ruth Krueger	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's granddaughter	Gus Reck , 3 y.o. grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson
Mary Reynolds , mother of Amy Stilwell	Candace Graham , former ILC member
Kim N., Kim M., Emilie H., & Sydney B. , all friends of Kim Sharp; and River Lint , Kim's cousin's baby	
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students from all congregations around the country	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Jerome Dirst & John Miller	

CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER'S MISSION: CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
24 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	SEPT 1 LABOR DAY	2 5:30 PM MARY/MARTHA	3	4	5	6
7 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	8	9 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	10	11	12	13 10-11AM "JOY" BIBLE STUDY
14 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE	15	16 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	17	18 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG	19	20
21 8:0AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MTG.	22	23 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	24	25	26	27

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 8/24/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	John Krueger	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 8/31/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & Larry Baumgart	Rita Clarke
Sunday 9/7/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Patti Wills	Kim Sharp	Ninah Miller	John Wagner & Craig Anderson	Maryalice Reck
Sunday 9/14/2025	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Jane Schley	John Wagner	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 9/21/2025	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Jane S.— coffee Melanie B-- Snacks
Sunday 9/28/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 10/5/2025	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	John Quardokus & John Wagner	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 10/12/2025	Elliora & Caviion Beck	Sally Crawford	John Wagner	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Amber & Chuck Townsend

TAKE HOME DISCUSSIONS

God is not just with us on Sunday Morning, but every day. Therefore, we should reflect on him every day. Feel free to study these verses, and ask these questions to yourselves, your family, friends and coworkers throughout this week. If you have any questions on any of these, or just want to talk about them further, feel free to reach out to Pastor Josh as well, he would love to have these conversations with you.

Monday- Philippians 3: 12-14

Christ has made us his own, even though we are not perfect. How does how we run the race of Christian Discipleship?

Tuesday- John 14:6

Jesus is the only way into heaven, which is why it is narrow. What are some other “ways” you might be tempted to reach heaven through?

Wednesday- Matthew 7:1-5

Why is it so important to examine ourselves and our sin before examining others?

Thursday- Galatians 6:1-2

What does it look like to bear with one another gently if one is caught in sin?

Friday- Matthew 5:13-16

Some say that Christians are lawless, since we are saved by grace through faith and not by works. Why as Christians do we still hear and try to follow the law?

Saturday- 1 John 3:1-3

One day we will be perfect and without sin. How will this happen, and who will make it so?



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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