

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Let love be genuine.
Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good.

- Romans 12:9 ESV -

The Divine Service I

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good." Romans 12:9. These are nice sounding words. We want our love to be genuine, and to desire good things while hating the bad things. But these things are far harder to put into practice than we care to admit. How do we hold fast to the good, and abhor what is evil? This is especially a problem when we live in a culture like ours where we cannot even agree what good and evil are! But yet God's command is clear, and we are to do this to the best of our abilities. This morning, we will reflect on knowing good from evil as well as how to love one another.

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

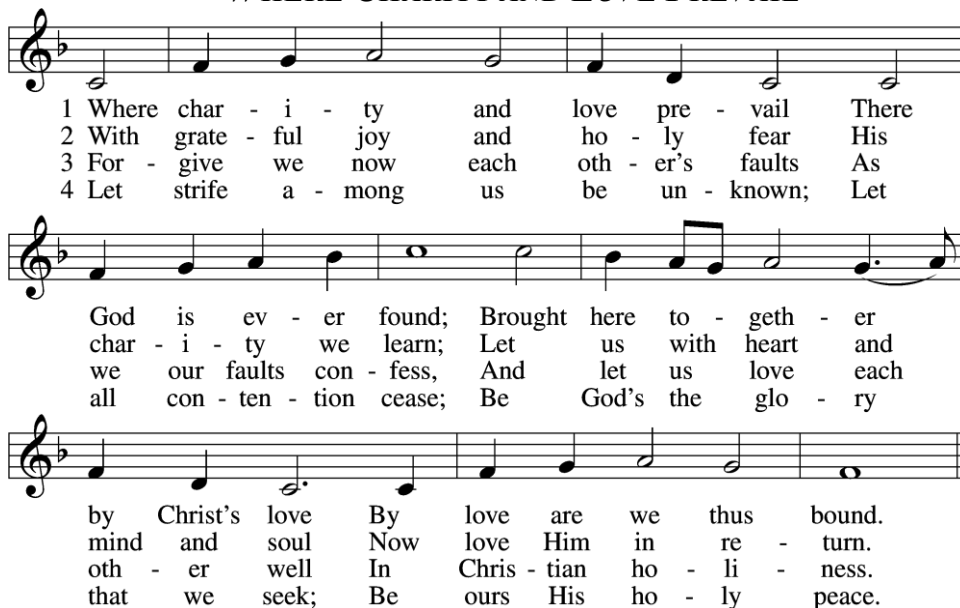
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.**

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 845

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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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**

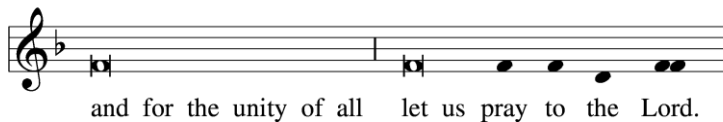
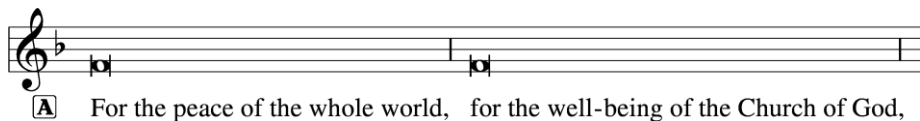
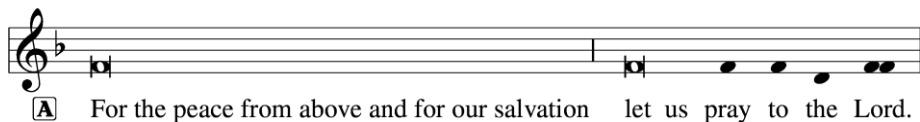
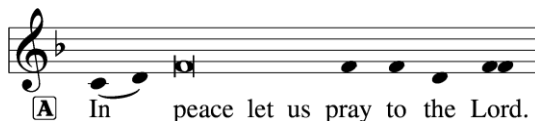
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence)

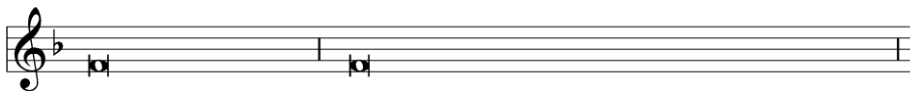
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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

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

Cong: Amen.

KYRIE





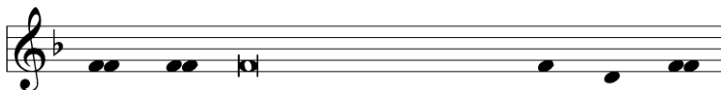
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

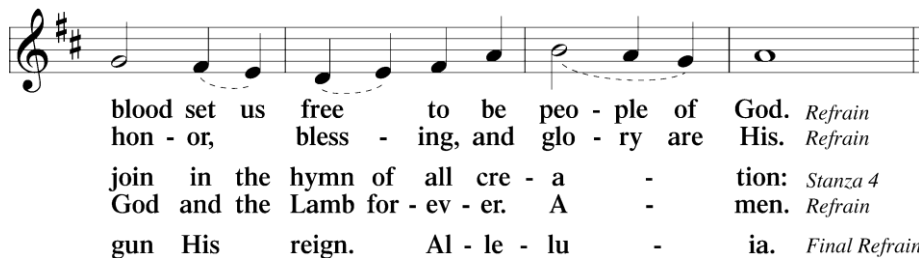
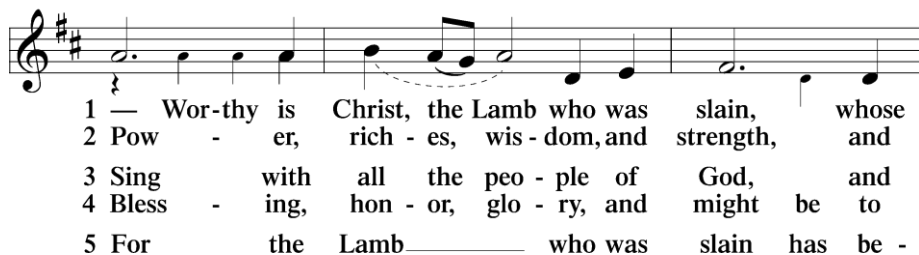


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST



SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

JEREMIAH 15:15-21 (ESV)

Lector: O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the Lord:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 26 (ESV)

Lector: Vindicate me, O Lord,

**Cong: for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Lector: Prove me, O Lord, and try me;

Cong: test my heart and my mind.

Lector: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

Cong: and I walk in your faithfulness.

Lector: I do not sit with men of falsehood,

Cong: nor do I consort with hypocrites.

Lector: I hate the assembly of evildoers,

Cong: and I will not sit with the wicked.

Lector: I wash my hands in innocence
Cong: and go around your altar, O Lord,

Lector: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
Cong: and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Lector: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
Cong: and the place where your glory dwells.

Lector: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
Cong: nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

Lector: in whose hands are evil devices,
Cong: and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Lector: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
Cong: redeem me, and be gracious to me.

Lector: My foot stands on level ground;
Cong: in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

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

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:9-21 (ESV)

Lector: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28 (ESV)

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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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.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**Cong: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, all vengeance belongs to
You. As our enemies rise against us, we place all things in Your
hands, knowing justice will be done and that You, O Lord, will
redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, grant to Your Church pastors who say with Jeremiah, “Hear the Word of the Lord,” and who faithfully proclaim that Word to us. Strengthen our pastors and missionaries for the tasks to which You have called them, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, our God, turn the eyes of all who make, execute and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty Father, have mercy on all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially those on our prayer list, those held closely in our hearts and all who have requested our prayers (*pause.*) Grant that they may have relief from pain, and give them the courage to endure their crosses and tribulations. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Loving Lord, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

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

Cong: And also with you.

*Please greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING

There are plates offered in the back of the church. If you would like to donate via ACH from your checking or savings account (through the Vanco Mobile App or the Vanco Website) or by Credit/Debit Card (through the Clover website), please scan the appropriate QR code below. A credit card reader is available upon request. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

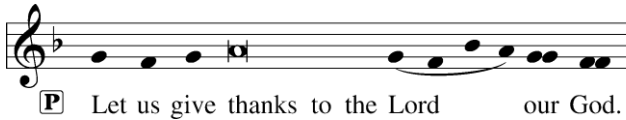
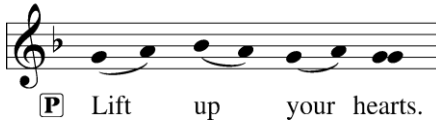
The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.



*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion
on the back page of this worship folder.*

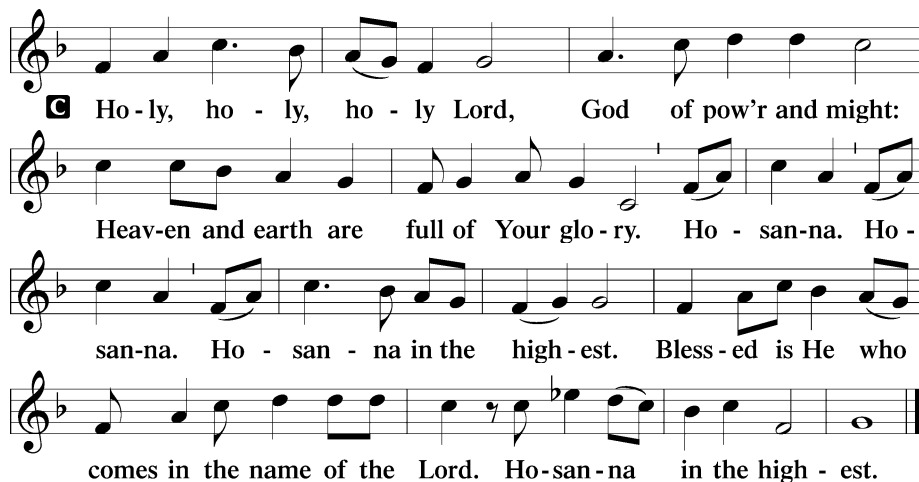
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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**

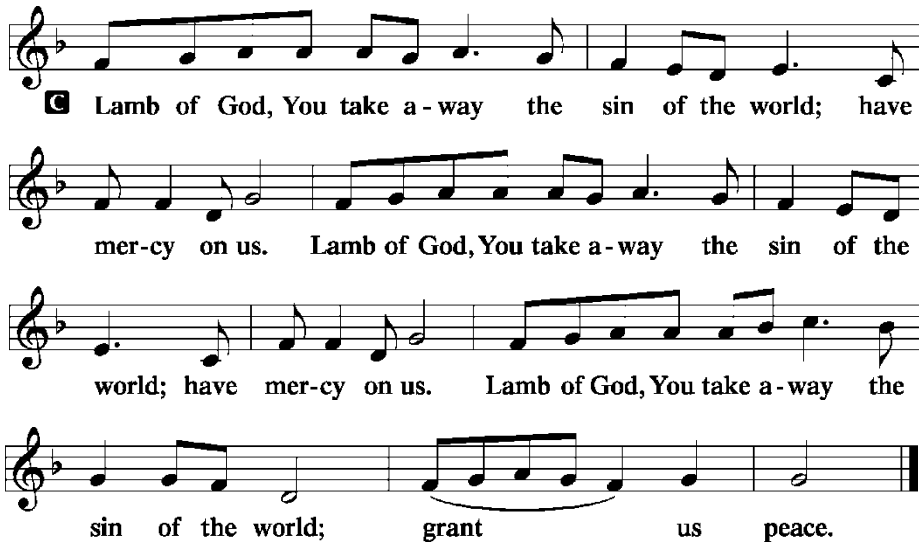
Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS

WOV 730

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

WOV 702

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

WOV 690

*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 770

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flowers given by **Brian Long** in memory of **Marie** and given by
Jane Schley in memory of **Bill**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS STARTS SUNDAY, 9/13/2026!!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Today, there will be an LWR School Kits cannister in the narthex to wind down our collection. At this point, if you can spare a couple of bucks to help us purchase the last bit of supplies we need, we will be able to reach our goal of **60 school kits this year**. (Last year's collection was 59 kits and we want to beat that!!) Thank you to everyone who has helped us with this project so far!



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 **TODAY**, August 30th, directly after the morning service and refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

This is Pastor Grotelueschen encouraging you to take part in our new picture directory. Our last pictorial directory was created well over a decade ago. We'd like as many people as possible to sign up so we have a complete directory. One hundred percent participation is the goal!!



We have 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.

Starting TODAY, we 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. The sooner you sign up, the more choices of slots you'll have!!





***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 choir.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Dr. John Christie, ILC visitor, requests prayers for his health and for new employment.

GRIEF:

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

***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, Linda Swinehart, & Brian Long	

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

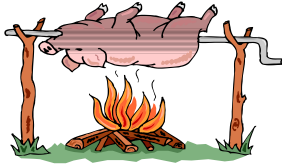
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 8/30/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Longsioux
Sunday 9/6/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Renee & Garvin Yorton
Sunday 9/13/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Patti Wills	Randy Horneber	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Beth Mitchell— coffee Vivian Westphal— snacks
Sunday 9/20/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Kim Sharp	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Jan Schaffer— coffee Kelly Quardokus-- snacks
9/27/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
10/4/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Sue Steuer
10/11/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Patti Wills- Coffee Melanie B-- snacks

CHURCH CALENDAR

September's MISSION: Crossroads Bible Institute

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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 8:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 8:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 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) 8:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 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
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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".

Take Home Discussions

Sunday, 8/30/2026

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

Monday- 1 Timothy 1:5-7

How does forgetting how to love a part of leading someone into being a false teacher?

Tuesday- 1 Peter 1:22-25

According to these verses what enables us to love one another?

Wednesday- Amos 5:14-15

What will the Lord do for those who love good and hate evil?

Thursday- Psalm 97:10

How does love of the Lord lead us to hate evil?

Friday- Judges 16:1-22

How did pursuing what was pleasing to his eye lead Samson into sin? What was the end result?

Saturday- Judges 16:23-31

What did the Lord do once Samson repented and sought him again?



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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