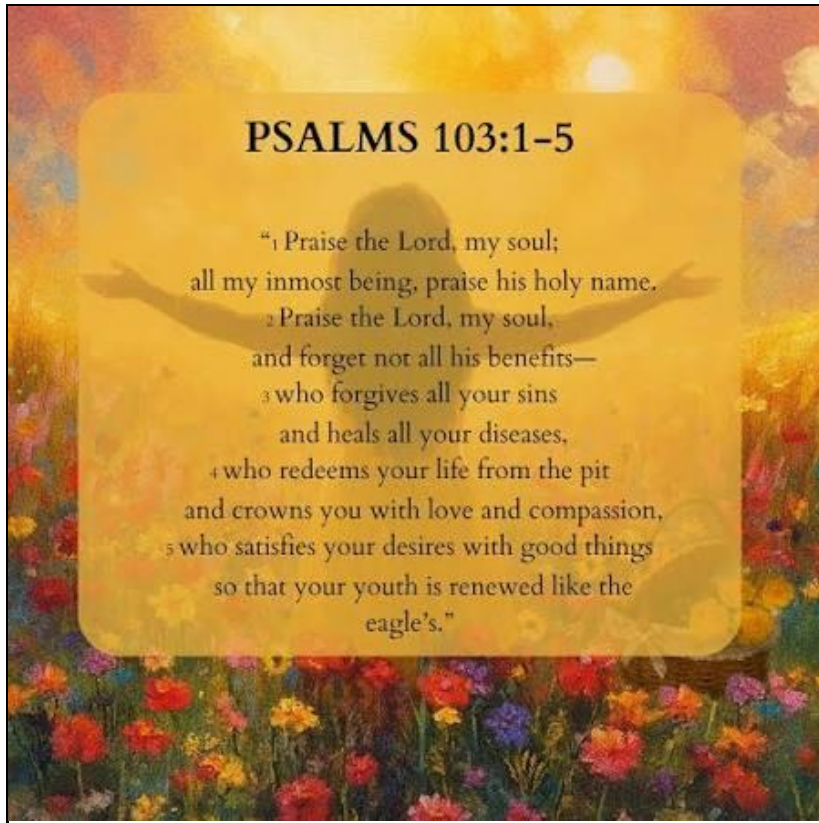


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



### PSALMS 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the  
eagle's."

## The Divine Service II

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026  
10:00am

3000 West Main Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

## AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! This is the final section in our series through the book of Romans! Paul has now outlined the story of God's saving grace towards us. He has also detailed our response to this grace by showing how we live among one another and society as a whole. Now in Romans 14 he will outline how we treat other Christians who do not agree on every detail with us. There are aspects that must be agreed upon, for example Christ is the crucified and risen Son of God and is the only way to heaven. Then we also have what is called Adiaphora. These are the things in which a Christian is free to choose, for example what instruments should be used in Worship. How do we use this freedom that Christ has given us, and what goal should we be using this freedom for?

## PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

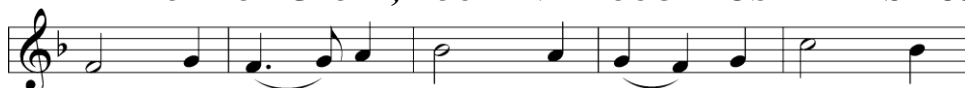
*The congregation will stand for sections beginning with an asterisk.\**

## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

### \*ENTRANCE HYMN

#### *LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US*

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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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.

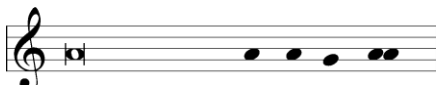
*(Silence)*

**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.

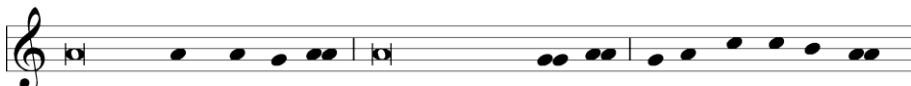
## KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

  
Lord, have mer - cy.

  
 [A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



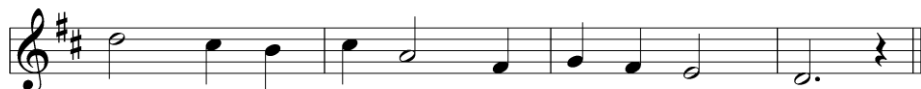
**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



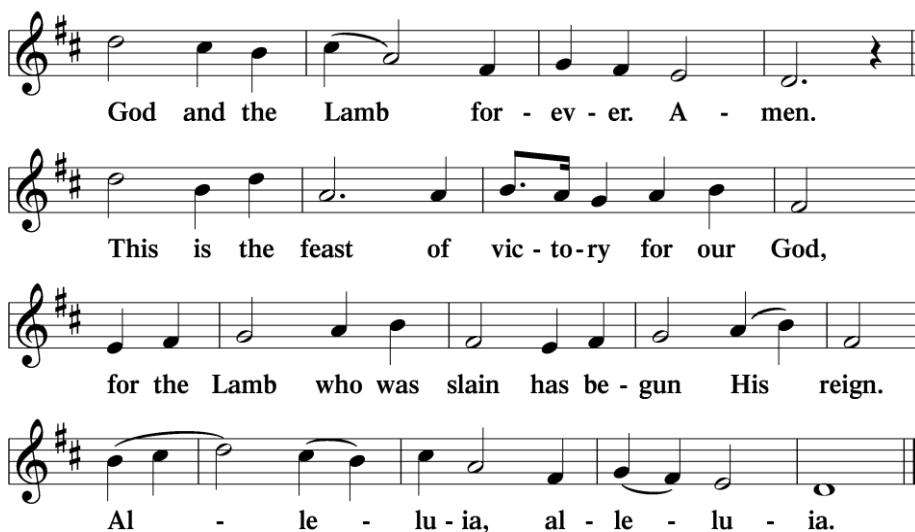
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



## 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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

## FIRST READING

## GENESIS 50:15-21 (ESV)

Lector: When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## PSALM 103:1-12 (ESV)

Lector: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Cong: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Lector: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Cong: and forget not all his benefits,**

Lector: who forgives all your iniquity,

**Cong: who heals all your diseases,**

Lector: who redeems your life from the pit,

**Cong: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Lector: who satisfies you with good

**Cong: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Lector: The Lord works righteousness  
**Cong: and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Lector: He made known his ways to Moses,  
**Cong: his acts to the people of Israel.**

Lector: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**Cong: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Lector: He will not always chide,  
**Cong: nor will he keep his anger forever.**

Lector: He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**Cong: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Lector: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**Cong: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Lector: as far as the east is from the west,  
**Cong: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**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 14:1-12 (ESV)**

Lector: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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.

## **\*HOLY GOSPEL**

## **MATTHEW 18:21-35 (ESV)**

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



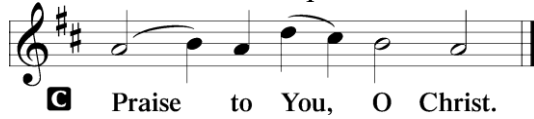
Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

*Pastor:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS*

**LSB 685**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful  
that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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.

Gracious King, we stand in need of Your mercy. Spare us those punishments which we, by our sins, have deserved. Soften our hearts toward one another, that we would share in the forgiveness You deliver to us today. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong:** **hear our prayer.**

**Lector:** We give You thanks, heavenly Father, for the reconciliation You have given us through Christ. Bless our Synod and those who lead it, including Matthew, our Synod president; our Synod's Board of Directors; and all others who have been called to serve, that we may be united in witnessing to Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong:** **hear our prayer.**

**Lector:** O God, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us and to pray for those who persecute us. Lead all enemies of Your Church to true repentance, that they may know the truth of Your Word, confess Christ as the only way of salvation, and finally have a share in the eternal life that He has prepared for all who trust in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong:** **hear our prayer.**

**Lector:** Heavenly Father, You sent the greater Joseph, Christ Jesus, to forgive His murderous brothers. Build our homes upon that same mercy, that in them brother and sister, husband and wife, parent and child may live together in peace and give witness to the glory of God's gracious ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong:** **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Almighty Lord, You brought Joseph to rule and shepherd Egypt. Raise up new Josephs among us. Clothe them with Your wisdom and might to forgive their enemies, convert the wicked and preserve order in a fallen world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Lord of life and death, You are master of all goods and ills in this life, and You hold in Your hands all who suffer in the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Comfort them, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause*) and let us confess that, whether we live or die, we belong to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**Cong: hear our prayer.**

Lector: Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive the Holy Communion with faith, and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Merciful Master, You are always ready to forgive, though we deserve only punishment. Press the proclamation of this eager love deeply into our hearts, that we, too, may sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; for You live and reign with the Father 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.***

## 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

*WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN*      **LSB 781**  
**VERSES 1, 2, 6**



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

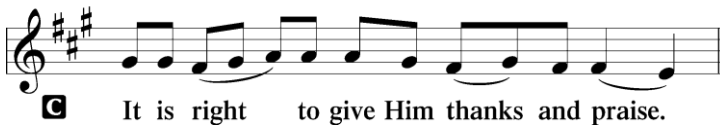
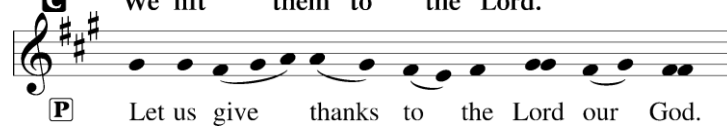
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*We ask our guests to review our understanding and practice of communion  
on the back page of this worship folder.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



*Pastor:* 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. 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, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

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, grant us peace.

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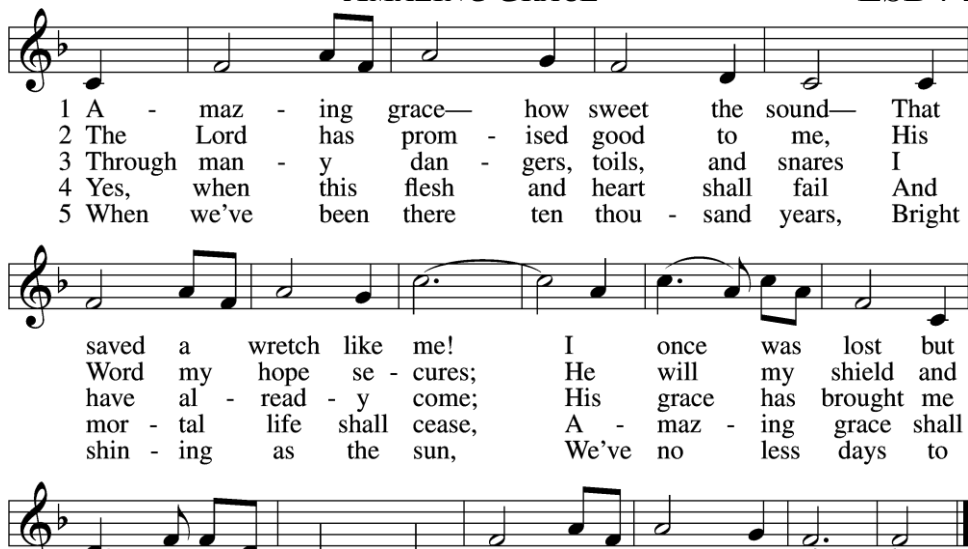
## COMMUNION

*{Intentional time of quiet meditation}*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *AMAZING GRACE*

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

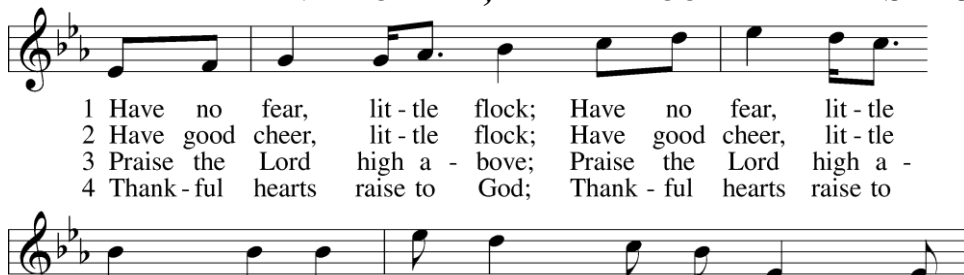
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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### *HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK*

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

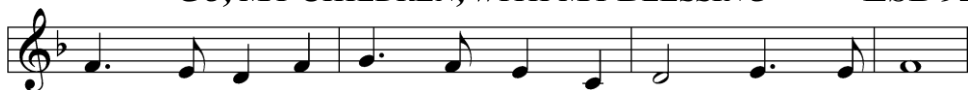


give you the King-dom; Have no fear, lit-tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## ***GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING***

**LSB 922**



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## \*THANK THE LORD

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

### *SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE*      **LSB 917**

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,  
 With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;  
 Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips with sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,  
 Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

Thank-you to everyone who gave supplies and/or cash. We BEAT our last year's record of 59 school kits this year. ~~We made it to 65 in total!!~~  
**Correction: We made it to 68!!!**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> (1-7:30pm) and Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (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.

**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!!**



### We have some fun events coming up that you won't want to miss:

|          |              |                        |
|----------|--------------|------------------------|
| 9/19/26  | 11am – close | Townsend's Pig Roast   |
| 10/10/26 | 10am – 3pm   | Mary/Martha Craft Day  |
| 10/17/26 | 5-8pm        | Oktoberfest            |
| 10/25/26 | 11:30am-noon | Mary/Martha Sip & Shop |
| 10/31/26 | 5-7pm        | Trunk or Treat         |



We are looking for a few good volunteers to help with ushering on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in ushering, please contact one of our **Lead Ushers** to let them know of your interest in working with their team. Lead Ushers include **Kim Sharp, Randy Horneber, Ron Swinehart, and John Hecht**. They each lead a team once per month, with the exception of 5-week months, where one team rotates in during that extra week.



We could also use some additional volunteers to serve as **Worship Assistants**. Worship assistants work in teams of two. Right now, we only have three teams, so this means our current teams sometimes have to serve twice per month. If we could get 1-2 more teams, a team's turn would come up less often. Worship assistants are responsible for readings at the lectern and assisting Pastor with distributing communion. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact John Quardokus at #(269) 532-2337 or at [johnquardokus@yahoo.com](mailto:johnquardokus@yahoo.com).

**NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** We love having your children in the sanctuary during worship services, but please be sure to give them “quiet toys” to keep them busy as noisy ones can be disruptive to other worshippers. We will soon have dedicated “quiet bags” filled with mess-free activities and coloring/activity books for children to check out at the beginning of the service.



**ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:**

Prayers of healing are needed for **Richard Frank**, Gail Stewart's brother-in-law who has been in and out of the hospital several times in the last 2 months with congestive heart failure. Her sister, **Gloria**, could use prayers of support and peace.

**GRIEF:** **Alfonso Hernandez Ortiz**, grandfather of Hirving Hernandez, passed away recently. Please pray for Hirving and his family members.

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

# IMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

## LONG TERM CONCERNS

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

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

# Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

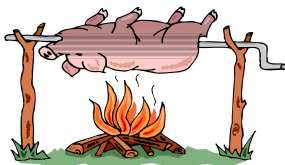
|                      | <b>Acolyte</b>                     | <b>Altar</b>       | <b>Usher</b>      | <b>Lector</b>     | <b>Worship Assistant</b>                    | <b>Coffee Hour</b>                                            |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>9/13/2026  | Cailyn &<br>Kyrie<br>Hecht         | Patti<br>Wills     | Randy<br>Horneber | Dave<br>Mandrick  | John Hecht<br>&<br>Denny Patzer             | Beth Mitchell—<br>coffee<br><br>Vivian<br>Westphal—<br>snacks |
| Sunday<br>9/20/2026  | Linus &<br>Ezra<br>Mandrick        | Kim<br>Sharp       | Ron<br>Swinehart  | John Hecht        | Larry<br>Baumgart<br>&<br>Craig<br>Anderson | Jan Schaffer—<br>coffee<br><br>Kelly<br>Quardokus--<br>snacks |
| Sunday<br>9/27/2026  | Eliora &<br>Caviion<br>Beck        | Jane<br>Schley     | John<br>Hecht     | John<br>Krueger   | John<br>Quardokus<br>&<br>Ron<br>Swinehart  | AnnMarie &<br>Phillip Miller                                  |
| Sunday<br>10/4/2026  | Genevieve<br>Miller &<br>Rory Beck | Vivian<br>Westphal | Kim Sharp         | Mark Miller       | Mark Miller<br>&<br>Denny Patzer            | Sue Steuer                                                    |
| Sunday<br>10/11/2026 | Maddie &<br>Ellie<br>Hernandez     | Kim<br>Sharp       | Randy<br>Horneber | Ninah<br>Miller   | Larry<br>Baumgart<br>&<br>Craig<br>Anderson | Patti Wills-<br>Coffee<br><br>Melanie B--<br>snacks           |
| Sunday<br>10/18/2026 | Cailyn &<br>Kyrie<br>Hecht         | Sally<br>Crawford  | Ron<br>Swinehart  | John<br>Quardokus | John<br>Quardokus<br>&<br>Ron<br>Swinehart  | Shelly<br>Reynolds                                            |
| Sunday<br>10/25/2026 | Linus &<br>Ezra<br>Mandrick        | Patti<br>Wills     | John Hecht        | Dave<br>Mandrick  | Mark Miller<br>&<br>Denny Patzer            | MaryAlice<br>Reck                                             |

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## September's MISSION: Crossroads Bible Institute

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                       | MON       | TUES                                                                                                              | WED       | THURS                                                | FRI                                                       | SAT                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>13</b><br>8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE<br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br>11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR                  | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC                                             | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                            | <b>18</b>                                                 | <b>19</b><br><br><b>11AM-CLOSE TOWNSENDS' PIG ROAST</b>                                                                                                     |
| <b>20</b><br>8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE<br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE ( <b>IQBAL</b> )<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br>11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC                                             | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                            | <b>25</b>                                                 | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>27</b><br><i>(NO CHOIR PRACTICE)</i><br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br>11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR           | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC                                             | <b>30</b> | <b>OCT 1</b><br><br><b>7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG</b> | <b>2</b><br><br><b>1-7:30PM CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES</b> | <b>3</b><br><br><b>10-4:30PM CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>4</b><br>8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE<br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br>11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR                   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><b>5:30PM MARY/MARTHA</b><br><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC             | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                             | <b>9</b>                                                  | <b>10</b><br><br><b>10-3PM M/M CRAFT DAY</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>11</b><br>8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE<br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br><br><b>11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><b>6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</b><br><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                            | <b>16</b>                                                 | <b>17</b><br><br><br><b>5:00PM SOCIAL HOUR</b><br><b>6:00PM DINNER</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE<br>9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE<br>11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR<br>11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR                  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br><br>10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY<br><br>7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC                                         | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                            | <b>23</b>                                                 | <b>24</b><br><b>9:30AM BRUNCH TO START NEW STUDY: "JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION."</b>                                                                       |

## Come join us for our **Annual Pig (Pork) Roast**



@ the home of **Chuck & Amber Townsend**  
**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!!!*



**Saturday, October 17, 2026**

5:00pm Social Hour

6:00pm Dinner

## **Immanuel's Fellowship Hall**

Join us for German food & beer  
*and great fellowship!*

Check out the poster in the narthex and sign up to  
attend & **bring some German food with you too!** German beer  
and wine will be available.

...this is an "Adults Only" party.

*Be assured there will  
be other beverages  
available for your enjoyment.*



We are collecting food for  
Loaves and Fishes that  
evening so please bring  
along canned or boxed  
items to donate. *Thanks!*



## "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](mailto: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, 9/13/2026**

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- Matthew 7:1-5**

By whose standard will all people be judged? What helps us to be using that standard rather than our own standard?

### **Tuesday- James 4:12**

How does letting Jesus be the judge rather than us help us in our relationships with one another?

### **Wednesday- 1 Corinthians 8:11-13**

How does this change our perspective in how we view the things we are free to do or not do as a Christian? Who should we be thinking about as we do these things?

### **Thursday- 1 Samuel 18:1-5**

How did Jonathon exhibit putting David's needs above his own? Why did Jonathon not care about losing the throne to David?

### **Friday- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

What does it look like to live for Christ rather than for ourselves? What enables us to do this?

### **Saturday- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10**

How does knowing that Christ have us in both the night and day enable us to live for others rather than for ourselves?





## 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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