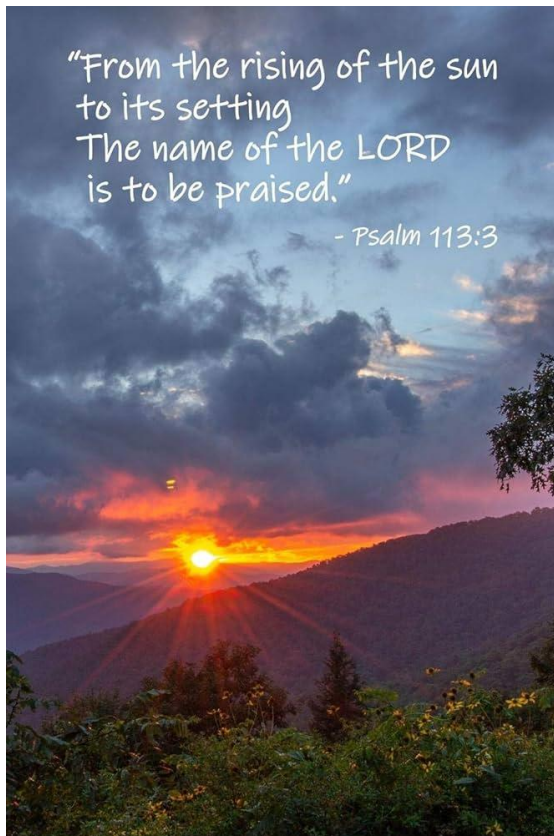


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service I

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Paul offers us some challenging words in his Epistle to Timothy. These are words that do not sit well with modern ears, and can cause many to ignore them or God's Word altogether. However, his words are from God and still apply to us today. Therefore, as we listen to them this morning, we must ask ourselves, "How is God asking us to serve him through our vocations today?"

PRELUDE

SARA MCGARVEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 850

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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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

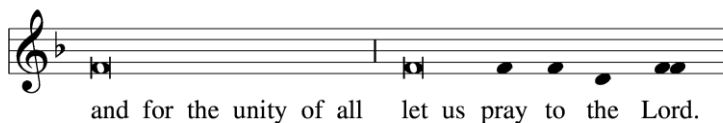
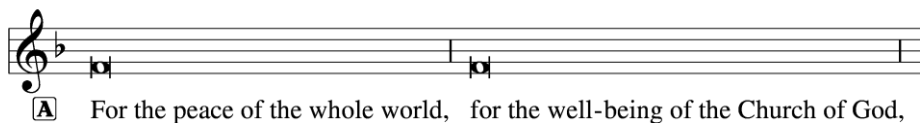
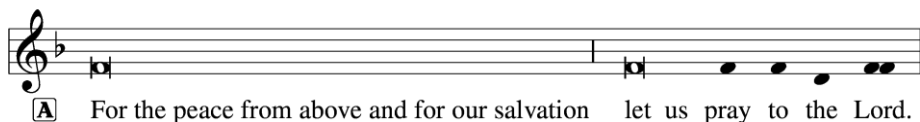
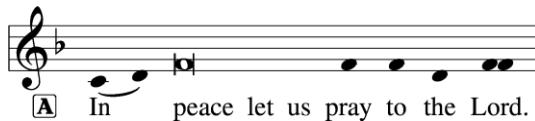
Pastor: Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
(Silence)

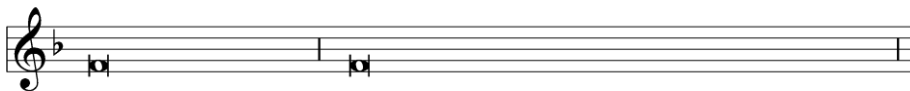
Cong: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present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





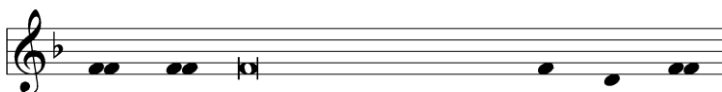
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

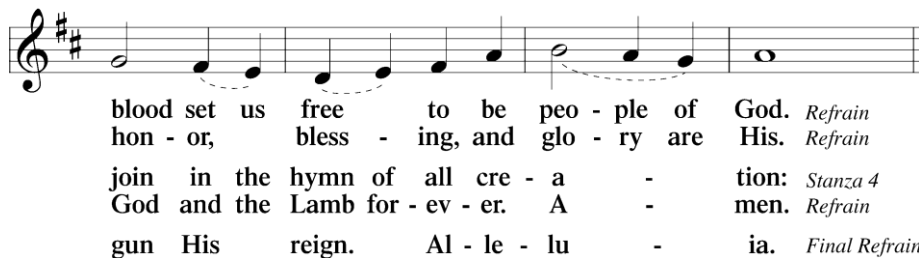
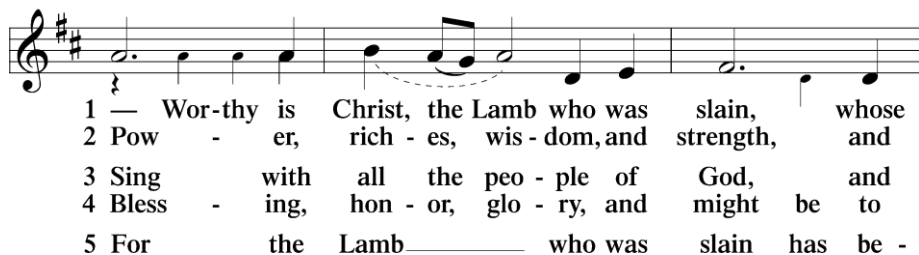


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

FIRST READING

AMOS 8:4-7 (ESV)

Lector: Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
saying, “When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 113 (ESV)

Lector: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,

Cong: praise the name of the Lord!

Lector: Blessèd be the name of the Lord

Cong: from this time forth and forevermore!

Lector: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Cong: the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Lector: The Lord is high above all nations,

Cong: and his glory above the heavens!

Lector: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

Cong: who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Lector: He raises the poor from the dust

Cong: and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

Lector: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Cong: He gives the barren woman a home,

Lector: making her the joyous mother of children. Praise 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

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-15 (ESV)

Lector: First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-15 (ESV)

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



■ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



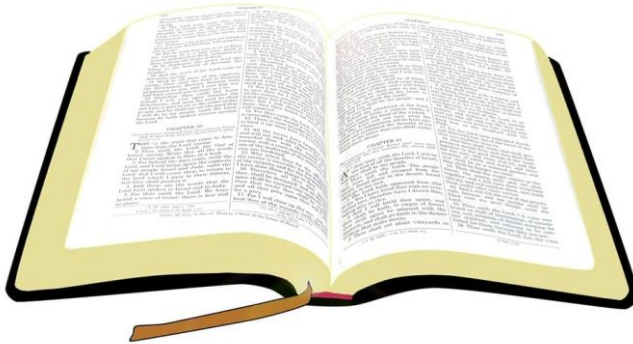
Cong:  Praise to You, O Christ.

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**

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LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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***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.**

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and
also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from
obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their
hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never
fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, guide Your Holy Church here and everywhere, that those who have been called to serve as her pastors and church workers and those preparing for and considering full-time church work may be guarded against the assaults of the evil one, encouraged in their callings, and prepared to serve faithfully for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours. Be especially with those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Heavenly Bridegroom, grant that as we commune this day upon Your body and blood, our hearts would be moved to repentance and faith, and that the fruits of this Sacrament would be borne in lives of holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Almighty God, You provide us with daily bread and with everything we need for this body and life. Free us from greed and covetousness, that we might be content with Your blessing and glad to share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and desire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and 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

OFFERTORY

MAKE ME A SERVANT

BY KELLY WILLARD

IMMANUEL CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

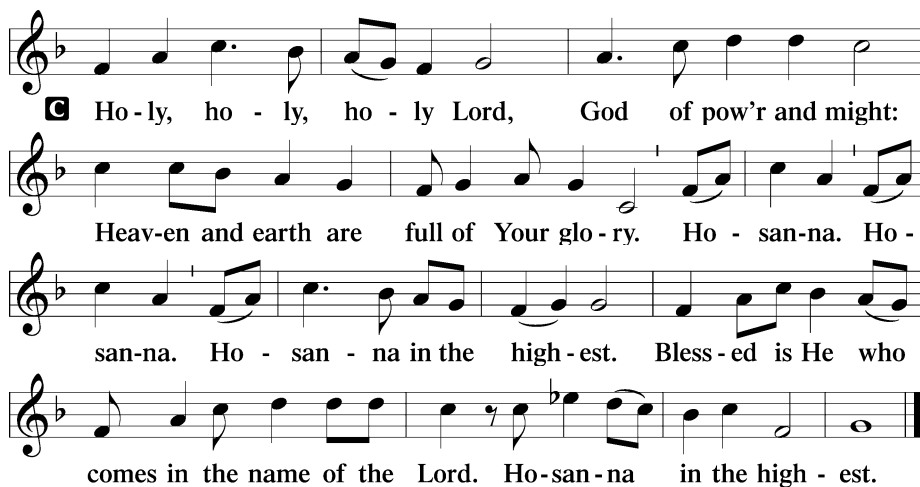
Cong: We lift them unto the Lord.

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, 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**

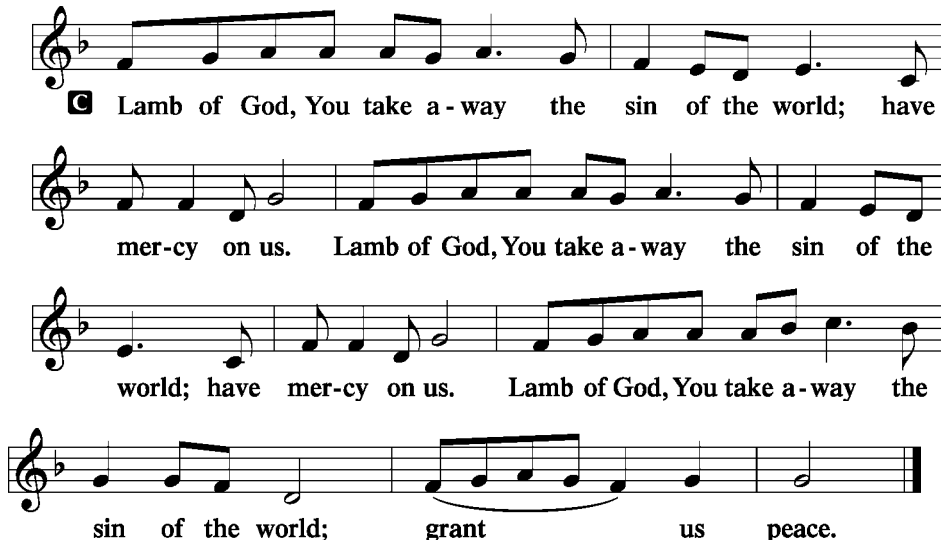
Cong: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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



□ 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol. The second staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The third staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The fourth staff has a measure rest at the beginning. The word 'grant' is underlined in the original image.

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COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

LSB633

1	At	the	Lamb's	high	feast	we	sing	Praise	to
2	Praise	we	Him,	whose	love	di -	vine	Gives	His
3	Where	the	pas -	chal	blood	is	poured,	Death's	dread
4	Praise	we	Christ,	whose	blood	was	shed,	Pas -	chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pier - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD* **LSB637*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *THANK THE LORD*



C 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.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR G:

Sunday Morning Bible Study- Sunday after the worship service, please join Pastor Josh as we begin to dive into the mysterious book of Hebrews in Bible Study. We will be pondering what is really going on when we come to Church, the necessity of the Old Testament even today, exploring the differences and similarities in worship between Old Testament and New Testament times, and so much more all through the book of Hebrews. Plan on Bible Study beginning at 11:30 am, or shortly after our morning service! Hope to see you there!

BIBLE STUDY W/ THE BAUMGARTS:

Tuesday nights at Immanuel—at 7pm.

Our study will be one of the Minor Prophets—Hosea.

All are welcome to join us and learn about God's relentless love for his people!

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie or Larry Baumgart.

BIBLE STUDY W/PAUL WILLS

Join us **Tuesday mornings at 10am at Immanuel** for a new Bible study as we explore the book of Matthew, the first Gospel in the New Testament. Often called "the Gospel of the Kingdom," Matthew presents Jesus as the long-awaited Jewish Messiah who fulfills Old Testament prophecy. Through His teachings, miracles, parables, and the transformative Sermon on the Mount, we will discover what it truly means to be a disciple of the King. All are welcome.

MARY/MARTHA:

November 8 (2nd Saturday) in the Garden Level from 10am-3pm – We are planning a ***Craft Day*** when ladies can bring and work on any hand-crafting they choose and fellowship with others. Members can invite a guest(s) too. M&M will serve lunch. We will discuss with those attending the possibility of having this Craft Day on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE:

A note from Jane Schley: *“Many thanks to Phil and Helen Roekle and John and Sue Wagner for all of their years of serving/helping at coffee hour. Since they will be ‘retiring’ from this service, I would like to invite anyone that would be interested in helping make coffee or bring snacks for after each Sunday service. This is a relatively easy task and as always, more hands make less/lighter work.”*

Flowers in the Chancel: If you would like to place a flower arrangement in the chancel area to honor or remember a special someone or occasion, please remember to fill out the chart on the bulletin board specifying whether you’d like to bring the flowers yourself or have them ordered/purchased for you. Ailene can order flowers from Ambati for between \$50-55, or Jane may be able to make an arrangement for you for closer to \$25, depending on her availability. You’ll just need to sign up and specify whether you’ll bring them, want them ordered through Ambati, or would like Jane to make the arrangement. Please do this at least one week in advance of the given Sunday.



ILLNESS/SPECIAL NEED:

Beth Mitchell is recovering after major surgery in early September.

Helen Roekle had a bad fall on Tuesday, September 2nd and broke the upper part of her femur that fits into the pelvic socket. She had surgery the following day at Borgess Hospital. She is now at home recuperating and is reportedly doing well.

GRIEF:

THANKSGIVING:

Cheryl Brindley wishes to express thanksgiving for the birth of her friend’s third baby girl, **Georgia June Woods**. May God bless her, her parents and two sisters!

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 , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Bill Brink , Christie Sidwell's brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Gene Jennings	Kay Hecht , John Hecht's mother
Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Beth Mitchell
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother
Ruth Krueger	Jason , son-in-law of Sue & Craig Anderson
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Justin Nickels , requested by Justin Beck
Linda & Scott Spurlock , req. by Esther C.	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Merry Linn , Sally Crawford's sister	Lynne Partridge , friend of Christa Perri
Mae Westphal , Vivian's & Wayne's granddaughter	Gus Reck , 3 y.o. grandson of Bob & Maryalice Reck
Thomas Nault , Sue Wagner's cousin	Otto , Pastor Quardokus' grandson
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	
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
21 8:30AM 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
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12 8:30AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30AM M/M ANNUAL SIP & SHOP	13	14 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY @ILC 7:00PM BAUMGART BIBLE STUDY @ ILC	15	16 10-5PM RON EASTMAN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE (GARDEN LEVEL)	17	18

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule						
	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
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
Sunday 10/19/2025	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Patti Wills	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Jane Schley— Coffee Rita Clarke— Snacks
Sunday 10/26/2025	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Rita Clarke	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Rita Clarke— Coffee Dotty Smith— Snacks
Sunday 11/2/2025	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Kim Sharp	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Marylalice Reck

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- Genesis 1:26-27

How can you use the gifts God has given you to care for his creation today?

Tuesday- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Why did God create so much diversity within the one body? What keeps us as one, even though we have different tasks?

Wednesday- Ephesians 5:32-33

What are some differences in the roles of wife and husband? How does the family benefit from each?

Thursday- 1 Timothy 2:3-4

How does God's desire shape and form how we serve within our vocations?

Friday- Colossians 3:23-24

According to this, who are we really serving when we serve in our vocations? How does this motivate us?

Saturday- 1 Peter 4:8-11

How does using our God-given gifts within our vocations well show the love of Christ and glorify him?



Saturday, October 4, 2025

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!**

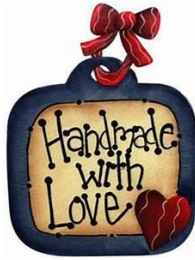
German beer and wine will be available.
...this is an "Adults Only" party.



*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!



The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting our annual

“Sip & Shop”

(New name!!)

Sunday, October 12, 2025
(after the worship service)

The funds raised will be used to take care of our church family; whether it is a meal, a prayer shawl, or items needed in crises.



We'll have cider, etc. while we shop!!

Share Your Talents!!!

Can you sew? Can you grow?
Can you make? Can you bake?
Can you brew? Can you stew?
All Talents... WE NEED YOU!!

***Below are examples of
donated items to consider making for
the Annual Sip & Shop:***

- Hand-made crafts
- Wooden puzzles/toys
 - Ornaments
- Christmas stockings
- Home-made baked goods, candies, nuts, jellies, frozen pizzas, soups, stews
- Home-crafted beers and wines
 - Flower arrangements
 - Christmas cards



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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