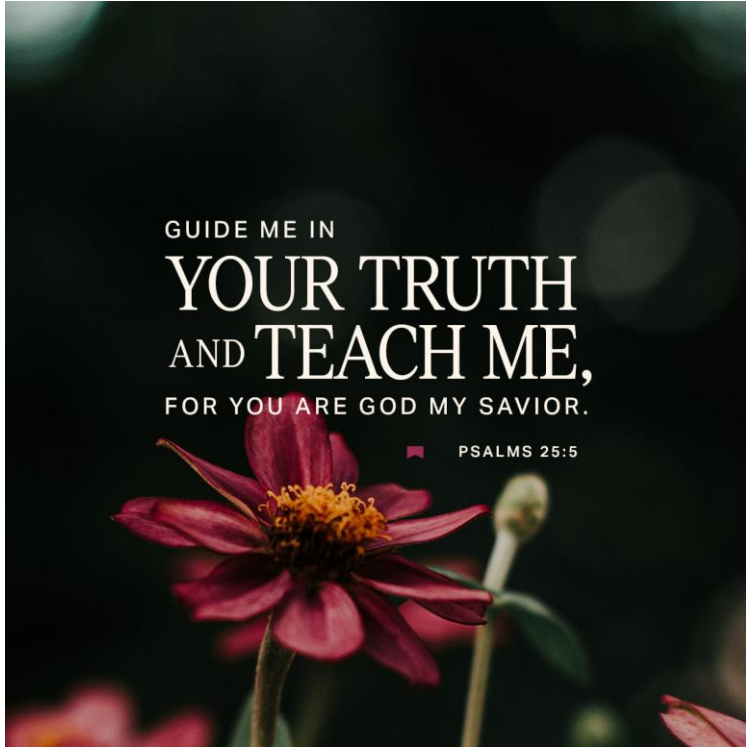


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



The Divine Service II

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026
10:00am

3000 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

AS WE GATHER

God's richest blessings on your worship here with us! Justice. This is what the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon were seeking. The idea that God would send them to Babylon felt unjust to them, and so they used a proverb "Our fathers ate sour grapes, and our teeth are set on edge." In short, our fathers sinned and we must pay the consequences. Yet through Ezekiel God declared his own justice, and asked them to tell him why he is unjust. So often in life it seems as though God is unfair, but it is in times like this when we need to ask ourselves—what is God's justice?

PRELUDE

LINDA RICHTER, ORGANIST

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

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 707

OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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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.

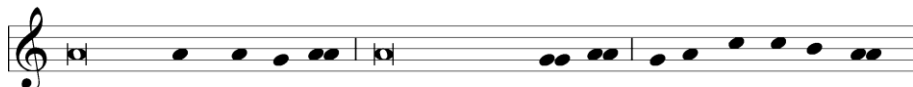
KYRIE



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.



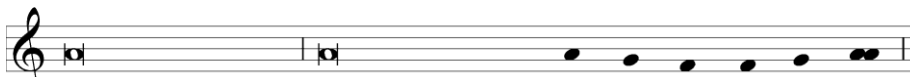
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



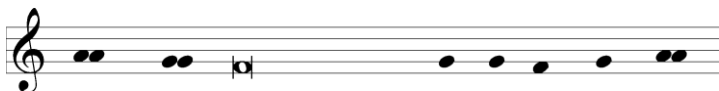
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST



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



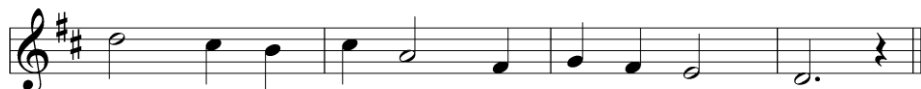
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



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 -



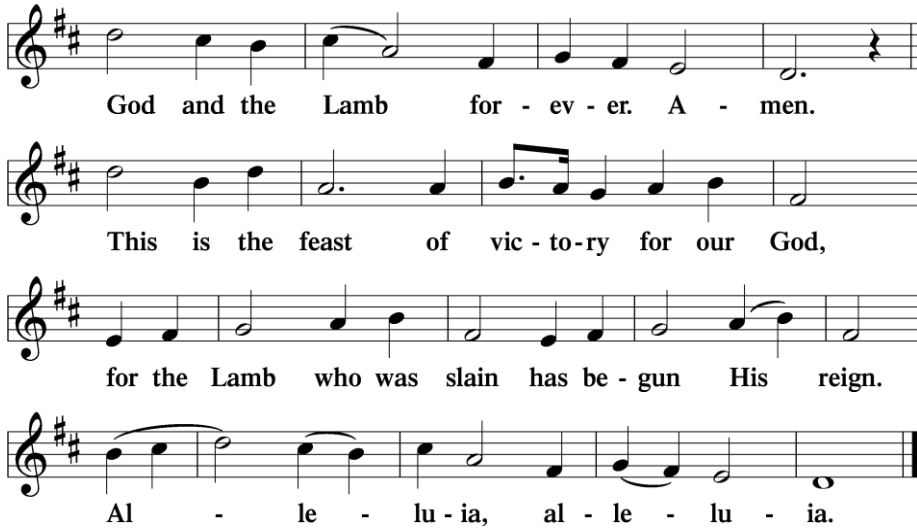
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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

EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32 (ESV)

Lector: The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

PSALM 25:1-10 (ESV)

Lector: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Cong: O my God, in you I trust;

Lector: let me not be put to shame;

Cong: let not my enemies exult over me.

Lector: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

Cong: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Lector: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

Cong: teach me your paths.

Lector: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

Cong: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Lector: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

Cong: for they have been from of old.

Lector: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

Cong: according to your steadfast love remember me,

Lector: for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Cong: Good and upright is the Lord;

Lector: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Cong: He leads the humble in what is right,

Lector: and teaches the humble his way.

Cong: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

Lector: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11, 14-18 (ESV)

Lector: So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



*HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-27 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.



And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 802

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.**

**Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your
servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them
from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in
Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

**Lector: Lord God, You have built Your Church and called her to hold fast to
the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world. Preserve
her from all grumbling, rivalry and conceit, and sustain her in humble
and devout faith until the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,**

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord, though the world denies Your justice, strengthen Your Church to proclaim it rightly. Let the wicked be broken by Your truth, that they may turn and follow in the way of forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Creator of all things, bless the useful arts of science and industry, that we may use Your resources for the good of Your people and take responsible care of all You have made. Prevent us from misusing Your gifts and our reason, lest we bring harm upon ourselves and others. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Mighty Father, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain, especially those on our prayer list and those held closely in our hearts (*pause.*) Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Lector: Unite us, O Lord, that we may be of one mind and one will in doctrine, witness and service. Bless us as we come at Your bidding to receive the body and blood of Your Son at His table. Grant that what we receive in this Holy Communion we may keep in holy hearts and holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the Word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

***PEACE**

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

Cong: And also with you.

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

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



C 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.



*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



P The Lord be with you.



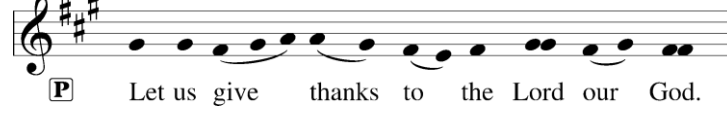
C And al-so with you.



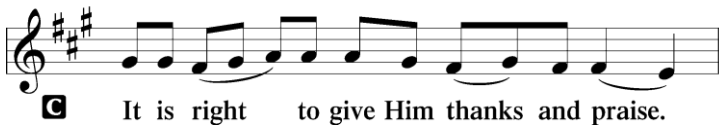
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C 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. 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 ✠ 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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION

{Intentional time of quiet meditation}

COMMUNION HYMNS

JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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YOUR TABLE I APPROACH

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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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.

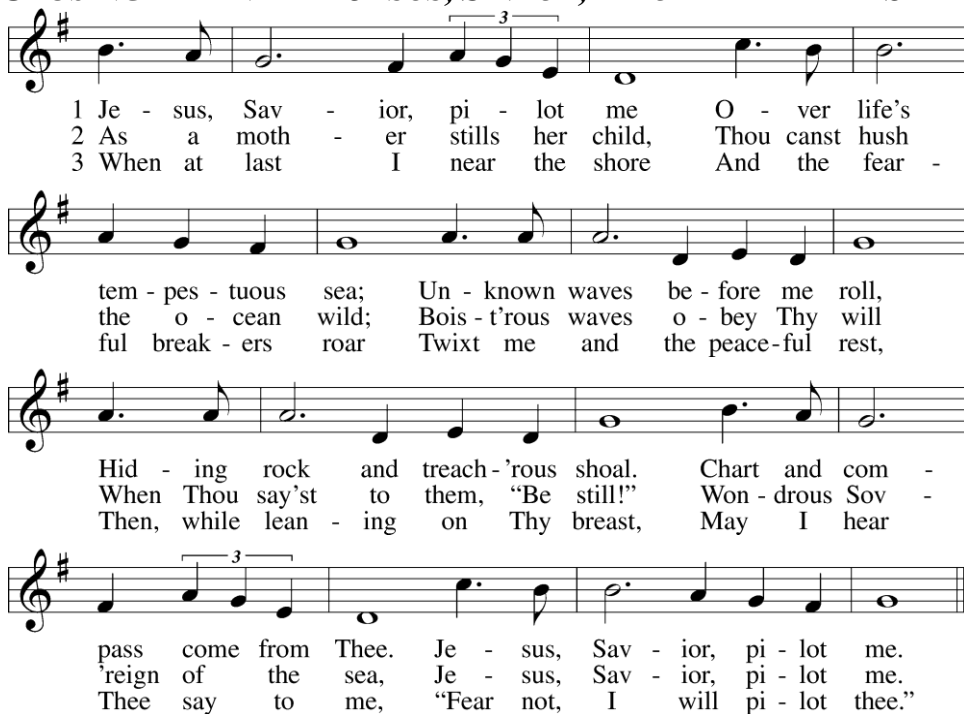
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Cong: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

LSB 715



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!!

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

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



JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION: Jesus commanded the Church to make Disciples of all Nations. This can seem like a daunting task! Who am I to make disciples of all nations? However, by giving this command Jesus is also telling us to make disciples right here in Kalamazoo among your friends, neighbors and family. If you have been wanting to be a better evangelist, if you are curious how to share God's Word with people in your life, or if you just want a good breakfast please join us October 24th at 9 am in the Church Fellowship Hall as we learn about *Joining Jesus on his Mission*. This is a book that was written by Greg Finke, and it has several wonderful insights for us in how to share the Gospel in our every day lives. No need to read ahead, just bring yourself and a willing spirit to learn!



Also: **Adult Catechism Classes** resume October 17th at 9 am., and will be held the third Saturday of every month thereafter, unless otherwise noted. The first session will be the **First Article of the Creed and the Ten Commandments**.

Church Movie Outing: *Daniel and the Fiery Furnace*

Join your church family for a special movie outing on **the morning of October 6th** to see *Daniel and the Fiery Furnace* on the big screen! This powerful, scripture-based film brings the early story of the prophet Daniel and his companions to life as they face trials of absolute faith in Babylon



Where: Celebration Cinema Crossroads ([6600 RING RD, PORTAGE](#))

Details: The movie is rated PG-13 with a runtime of 1 hour and 48 minutes. (Please note theater policy: guests 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult after 5:00 PM).

Tickets & Showtimes: Families can coordinate and purchase tickets directly on the [CELEBRATION CINEMA WEBSITE](#):

<https://www.celebrationcinema.com/cinemas/Celebration-Cinema-Crossroads>

Invite a neighbor, bring a friend, and let's enjoy a time of fellowship together!



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: **Sharon Smith**, Dotty Smith's sister-in-law, passed away. Thank-you to everyone who prayed for her during her final years.

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

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 .
Richard Frank , brother-in-law of Gail Stewart, and his wife, Gail's sister, Gloria	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	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
Melanie Baumgart's friend, Jim	Jeri Noneman
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 Rockle, 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

	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 9/27/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 10/4/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Vivian Westphal	Kim Sharp	Mark Miller	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	Sue Steuer
Sunday 10/11/2026	Maddie & Ellie Hernandez	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	Ninah Miller	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Patti Wills- Coffee Melanie B-- snacks
Sunday 10/18/2026	Cailyn & Kyrie Hecht	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Quardokus	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Shelly Reynolds
Sunday 10/25/2026	Linus & Ezra Mandrick	Patti Wills	John Hecht	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Denny Patzer	MaryAlice Reck
Sunday 11/1/2026	Eliora & Caviion Beck	Amber Townsend	Kim Sharp	John Hecht	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Dave Reynolds
Sunday 11/8/2026	Genevieve Miller & Rory Beck	Kim Sharp	Randy Horneber	John Krueger	John Quardokus & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend

CHURCH CALENDAR

October's MISSION: Westwood Free Store

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
27 <i>(NO CHOIR PRACTICE)</i> 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	28	29 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	30 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	OCT 1 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG	2 1-7:30PM CHURCH DIRECTO RY PICTURE S	3 10-4:30PM CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES
4 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	5	6 5:30PM MARY/MARTHA 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	7 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	8	9	10 10-3PM M/M CRAFT DAY
11 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING	12	13 6:30AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	14 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	15	16	17 9AM ADULT  CATECHISM CLASS 5:00PM SOCIAL HOOR 6:00PM DINNER
18 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	19	20 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	21 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	22	23	24 9:00AM BRUNCH TO START NEW STUDY: "JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION."
25 8:30 CHOIR PRACTICE 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM COMMUNION SERVICE 11:30 CHILDREN'S CHOIR 11:30AM BIBLE STUDY w/PASTOR	26	27 10AM WILLS' BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY--@ ILC	28 5PM CONFIRMATION CLASS	29	30	31 5-7PM TRUNK OR TREAT



Please join us for
Craft Day and Brunch
(Everyone is welcome!)

Saturday, October 10, 2026
10am- 3:00pm



Come create with us!!

Bring your crafting supplies
with you and we'll have brunch
at noon together.

Let us know you're coming
and how many people will be coming with you by signing
up! If you can help provide brunch-type foods/goodies for
the group, please sign up for that too.

(Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors!)



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!*

The Mary and Martha Guild
will be hosting the annual Sip and
Shop soon! Save the Date!

Sunday, October 25, 2026

(after the worship service)



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



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.



In Preparation:

*Share your talents & donate items so we have lots of things to
sell!!!*

**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:**

- Hand-made crafts, wooden puzzles/toys
- Ornaments, Christmas stockings, bows
- Home-made baked goods, candies, nuts, jellies, frozen pizzas, soups, stews
- Home-crafted beers and wines
- Flower arrangements
- Oven mitts, Scarves, mittens, and hats



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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