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The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to preach Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of the world. We reflect God's love by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a caring ministry of reaching, teaching, and serving our congregation and the community.

A Warm and Sincere Welcome! We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion+

As we partake of this blessed sacrament, our Lord has promised to give us His true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. Those who partake, firmly believing in Christ's real presence, receive these blessings. If you are a member of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and have not communed at Immanuel before, please speak with the pastor or an elder before participating. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod please speak with pastor before the service. *Thank you.*

Pentecost 17 September 24, 2023 Divine Service 1

Confession and Absolution

588 Jesus Loves Me



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

**What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

O LORD, I am your servant;

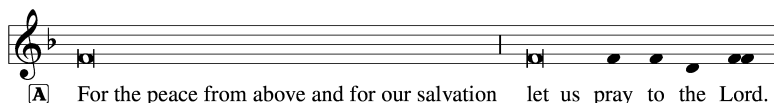
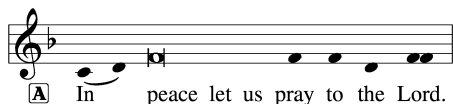
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**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.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie

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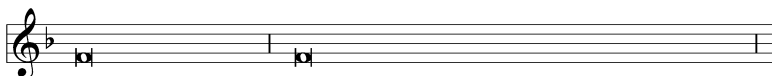
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



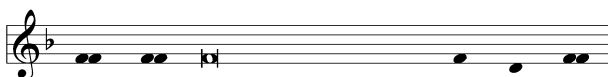
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



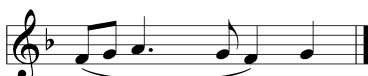
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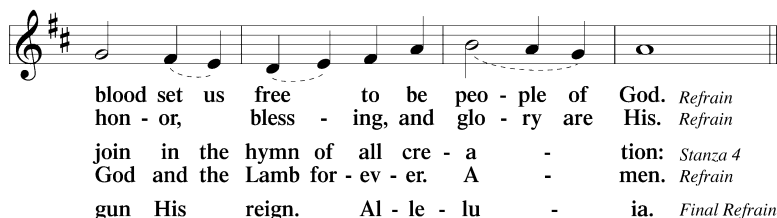
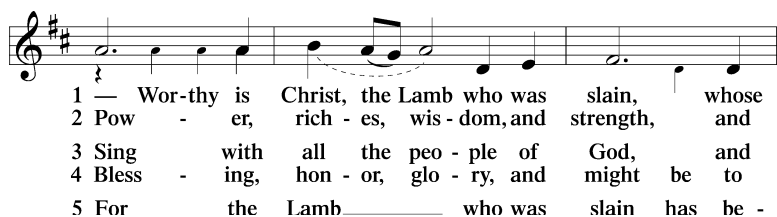
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



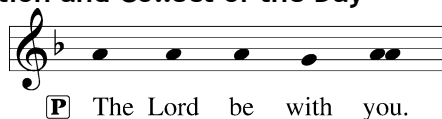
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day





Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares
the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”



This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

The Advance of the Gospel

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of

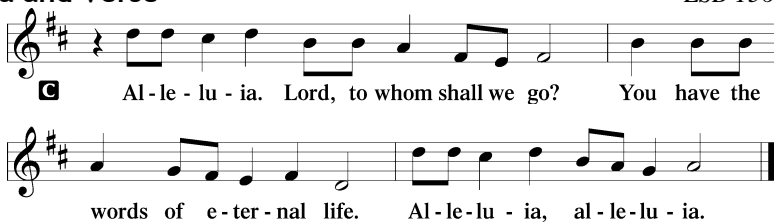
your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the twentieth chapter.



Laborers in the Vineyard

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the

sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.**

Children's sermon

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5): tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.

Tune: Melchior Vulpinus, c. 1570–1615

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Sermon

Offertory

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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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, we give You humble thanks for instituting the estate of holy marriage and for the blessing of family. Grant that these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society and especially within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying [*especially* _____]. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember, O Lord, those who will receive
Your true body and blood from this altar.
Prepare us to receive them worthily in
repentance and faith for the forgiveness of
our sins and the healing of our bodies. Lord,
in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, grant that, in Christ, we may
seek You while You may be found and call
upon You while You are near, forsaking all
wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

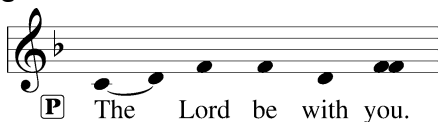
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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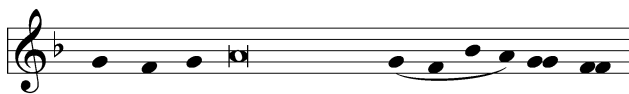




P Lift up your hearts.



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.

P 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

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C 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

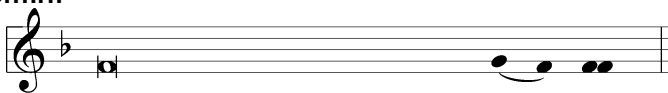
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



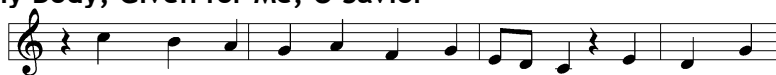
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the




sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution


619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

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631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast
 above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss
 and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
 Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595–1662
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724 If God Himself Be for Me

1 If God Him-self be for me, I may a host de-fy;
 2 I build on this foun-da-tion, That Je-sus and His blood
 3 Christ Je-sus is my splen-dor, My sun, my light, a-lone;
 4 He can-cel-ed my of-fens-es, De-liv-ered me from death;
 For when I pray, be-fore me My foes, con-found-ed, fly.
 A-lone are my sal-va-tion, My true, e-ter-nal good.
 Were He not my de-fend-er Be-fore God's judg-ment throne,
 He is the Lord who cleans-es My soul from sin through faith.
 If Christ, my head and mas-ter, Be-friend me from a-bove,
 With-out Him all that pleas-es Is val-ue-less on earth;
 I nev-er should find fa-vor And mer-cy in His sight,
 In Him I can be cheer-ful, Cou-ra-geous on my way;
 What foe or what dis-as-ter Can drive me from His love?
 The gifts I have from Je-sus A-lone have price-less worth.
 But be de-stroyed for-ev-er As dark-ness by the light.
 In Him I am not fear-ful Of God's great Judg-ment Day.

5 For no one can condemn me
 Or set my hope aside;
 Now hell no more can claim me:
 Its fury I deride.
 No sentence now reproves me,
 No guilt destroys my peace;
 For Christ, my Savior, loves me
 And shields me with His grace.

- 6 Who clings with resolution
 To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution;
 For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses
 Heaped on his blameless head;
A thousand plagues and crosses
 Will be his daily bread.
- 7 From me this is not hidden,
 Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden,
 To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken
 And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken
 And cleave to You alone.
- 8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
 No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
 Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
 My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder
 Shall sever You from me.

9 No angel and no gladness,
 No throne, no pomp, no show,
 No love, no hate, no sadness,
 No pain, no depth of woe,
 No scheming, no contrivance,
 No subtle thing or great
 Shall draw me from Your guidance
 Nor from You separate.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
 I am no longer sad.
 My soul is filled with singing;
 Your sunshine makes me glad.
 The sun that cheers my spirit
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;
 The heav'n I shall inherit
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; (sts. 1, 3–5, 10): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1907, Pittsburgh, alt.;
 (sts. 2, 6–9): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

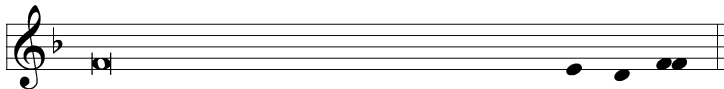
A Let us pray.

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.



Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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This Week at Immanuel

Tuesday, God and Grapes 6 p.m.

LSC Bible Study 7 p.m.

Wednesday Confirmation 4:30 p.m.

Thursday Adult Bible Class Noon

Leisure Lutherans 1 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Divine Service is every Sunday at 9:00am with Communion.
- Bible Class is every Sunday at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying Genesis in the Old Testament.
- This is Beta Sig Sunday. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Thank to all those who provided a dessert for today.
- The Tuesday Night Bible Study for the LSF will be on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. We are currently studying Revelation. Please consider signing up for refreshments.
- The Mid-week Bible Study is every Thursday at 12:00pm. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. John.
- Sunday school is for all children age 3 through 9th grade and are invited and encouraged to join us. We meet at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. In today's lesson is about Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God's calling to declare His message to Nineveh.
- Confirmation Classes are on Wednesday, beginning at 4:30pm. Classes end at 5:30pm. Please drop off and pick up your child at the front door of the LSC

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla
Chapter President

Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God's generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!

LWML/Dorcas

LWML Quarterlies for summer and fall are available in the narthex information center. Quarterlies contain timely articles and uplifting Bible studies written for women. Please take one for personal use. Mites collected on September 3 totaled \$58.38. This amount will be forwarded to the national and district mite projects. For a complete list of national mission projects funded by mites log on to www.lwml.org/mission-grants. For a complete list of Missouri district mission projects funded by mites log on to www.missourilwml.org. The next mite collection Sunday will be October 1.
To God be the glory.

Rolla Zone LWML Fall Rally, Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., hosted by Faith, St. Robert. Speaker from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Servant Workshop make-up day is Tuesday, October 3, 1-3 p.m. If 20 more quilts are tied by October 21, 100 quilts will be delivered to the in-gathering location. Join in on meeting this goal. All supplies are furnished and no experience is required.

Leisure Lutherans

Card and Game Day, every Thursday at 1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to participate. Another opportunity to view "The Son of God", a film depicting the life of Christ, will be today at 1 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and your own snacks

RADA /Card cabinet located in the downstairs hall contains Christian cards sold individually and by the box and several RADA kitchen tools. Profits from these sales benefit the activities of Leisure Lutherans. Additional RADA kitchen tools and knives may be ordered through the catalog and order forms located in the rack next to the cabinet.

Kitchen cleaning day is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 10 a.m. Kitchen cabinets will be re-organized and items in the credenza will be sorted and refreshed. Please join in this project.

Copies of A.B.L.E. calendar of events and activities are available in the slots next to the card cabinet in the hall to the Fellowship Hall. Senior trips are being offered through the St. James Senior Center: Thursday, October 12, Silver Dollar City Harvest Festival

Wednesday, November 8, Dixie Stampede
Christmas Show-Branson

Call 573-265-7072 for more information or reservations.

Thrivent

Thrivent members, it is not too late to utilize the two \$250 Action Team Grants offered to each Thrivent member. Action Team Grants can be designated to any non-profit organization via fundraising or hands-on activity. Please contact Sue Kamprath to submit an Action Team Grant for the Back Pack Program or Carla Roedemeier and Mary Wittmaier for a grant to purchase supplies for Pregnancy Resource Center, dresses for Orphan Grain Train or quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to those that stepped forward with Action Team cards. We will be needing more plastic bags for the Back Pack Program.

About our Sunday prayers... Have we been praying for you or your loved one and God has answered with recovery? Please let Pastor Swyres know that prayers have been answered and we no longer need to include them in the Sunday prayers. If you or someone you know has a need, please let Pastor Swyres know to include them in the prayers. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for personal and family devotions for the October through December quarter are available in the narthex! Be sure to pick up your copy for yourself or your family and spend a few minutes with our Lord each day.

Meet Our Member!

Would you and your family like to be featured in a future issue of our church newsletter “The Informer”? Are you a new member? Maybe your family have been members of Immanuel for generations. We’d love to hear from you and feature you and/or your family!

Reach out to Christy Rush at ilc@ilcrolla.org

Reservations

Did you know that members can reserve space within the church or Lutheran Student Center for church functions/meetings, as well as for private gatherings? Spaces available include: The Fellowship Hall, the LWML Room, the Lutheran Student Center Cafeteria, and the Lutheran Student Center Gym. Contact the church office or ilc@ilcrolla.org to reserve a room. All gatherings and meetings should be scheduled in this way to ensure nothing is double-booked.

LSF Refreshments

A sign-up sheet has been posted for refreshments for the students Tuesday evening Bible study. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Volunteering Opportunities

Would you be willing to help out during a church service? Could you bake some desserts? Would you like to spearhead a project to benefit the church or one of our missions? There are many ways you can volunteer at church. Please check out the various sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex or email the church office at ilc@ilcrolla.org with questions.

Adult Bible Class Refreshments

A sign-up sheet has been posted for refreshments for Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class. Please consider helping in this ministry.

Prayers

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie,
Emma Fite
Jordan, Randy Krauss
Sarah Downey
Austin Fann
Laura Stoll
Jana Goddard
Don Swetnam
Alek Tilford
Ronnie Berwick

Bob Mundahl
Carol Holthaus
Dotty Wolf
Scott Egbert
Brandon Lowe
Deanne Greene
Hyrum Allen
Bob Chreitien
Chuck Johnson

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer
Matt Battley
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean
Marshall Dean

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 9/17/2023: 123, Communion: 110

Attendance Sunday 9/17/2023: Bible Class - 56

Attendance Thursday 9//2023: Bible Class 21

Offerings for Sept.17: N/A / Needed per week \$6,200.

Elders Serving Today: Ethan Swyres

Elders Serving Next Sunday 10/1/2023 Jim Perry

Organist Today: Berniece Strandberg

Ushers Today: Team 3

Greeters Today: Nancy & Andy Anderson

Altar- Guild: September Kacie & Aaron Wassilak

Refreshments Today: Sharon Swyres & Kelle Swyres

Refreshments College Students: Holly Statler

Altar Flowers Today: given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.

Prayer before Communion: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.