Immanuel Lutheran Church

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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.

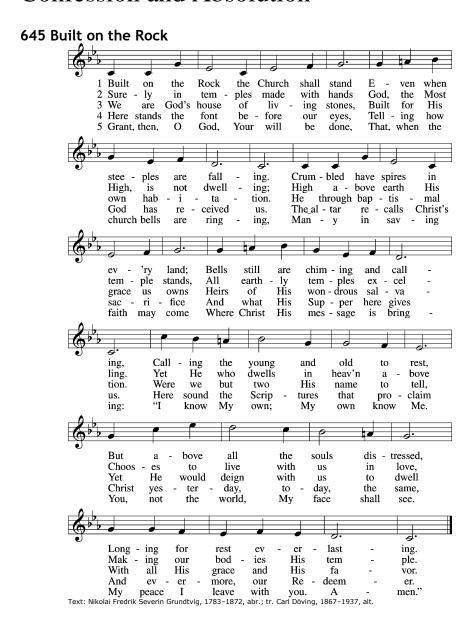
A Warm and Sincere Welcome! We are excited that you have chosen to join us. We invite you to join us often. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider making Immanuel Lutheran your church home. Please contact the church office for more information.

+ 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 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 18 October 1, 2023 Divine Service 3

Confession and Absolution



- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P 0 almighty God, merciful Father,
- You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

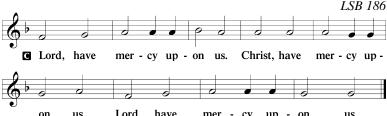
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

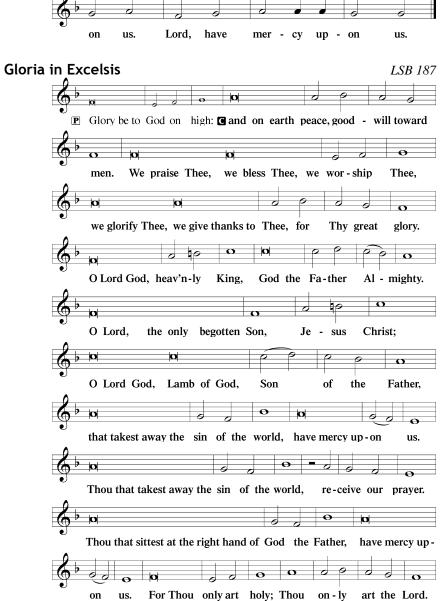
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

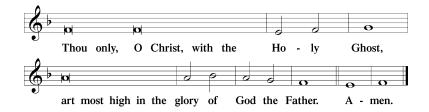
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.









Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Christ's Example of Humility

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 rivalry 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. . . .

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



The Authority of Jesus Challenged

When [Jesus] 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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

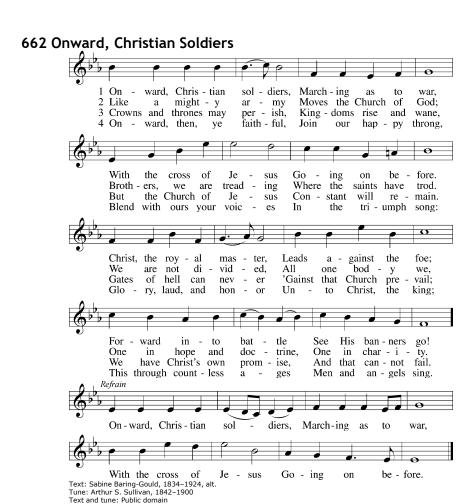
dead. He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

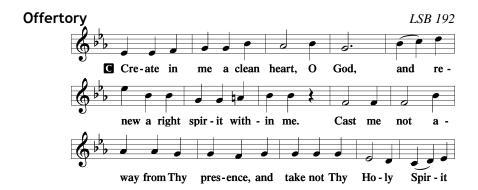
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Children's Sermon



Sermon





Offering

Confirmation

 \mathbf{P} Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Iesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord

- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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.

- **P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- \mathbf{R} I do.
- P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- **P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you

continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- C Amen.
- [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- R Amen.
- \mathbf{P} Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Peace

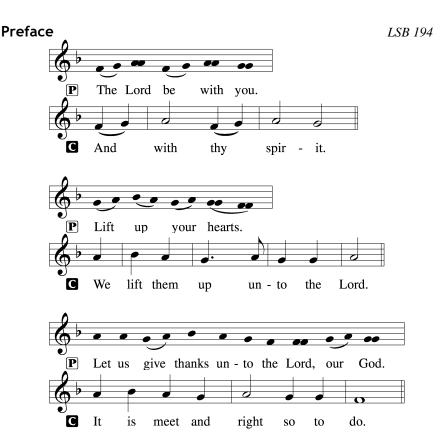
 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, that by the pure tongues of Christ's servants, the tongues of the wicked may be silenced, their evil ways cast aside and their sins washed away, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the kingdom of God, that with one mind and will we may serve the Lord with gladness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all people in their vocations, that delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness, they may joyfully serve their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For our leaders and those who serve in our armed forces, that having been appointed by Him before whom the might of man is nothing, they might serve honorably and well, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For the comfort of God's Love and the encouragement of His Christ, that all who suffer[, especially ______,] would find Him a ready and worthy Savior in every affliction let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who confess the name of Jesus Christ as Lord, that receiving our humble Savior in the humble means of His Supper, we may give Him our worship and thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Merciful Lord, 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

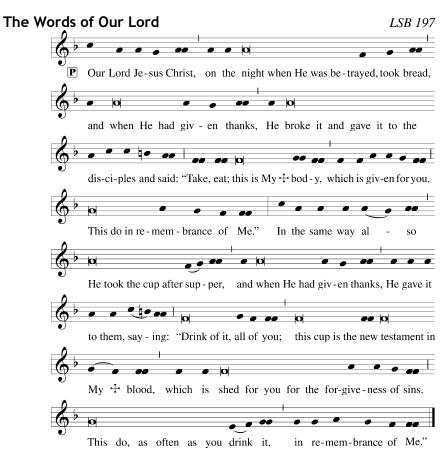


P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





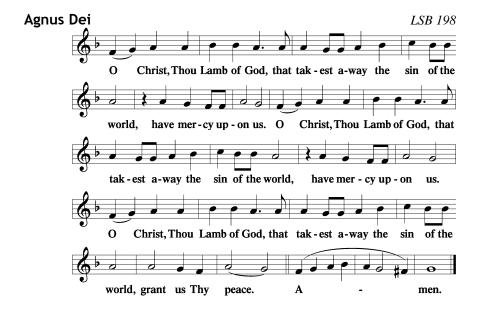


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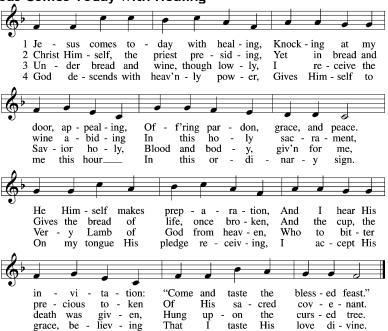
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





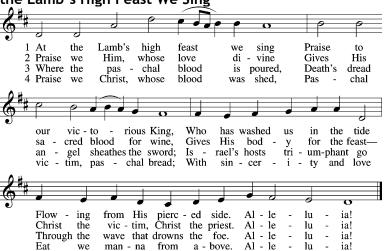
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- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 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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- 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!

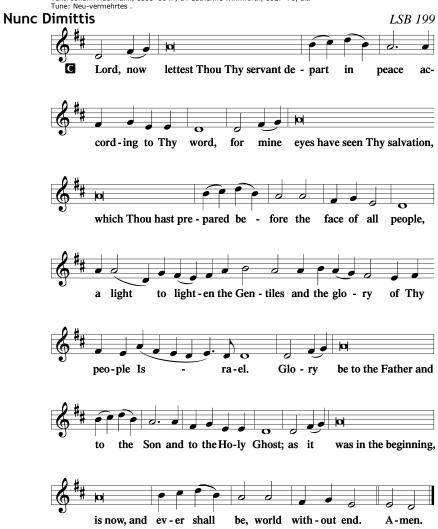
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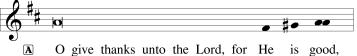
5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

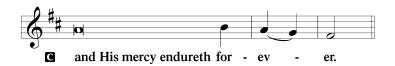
And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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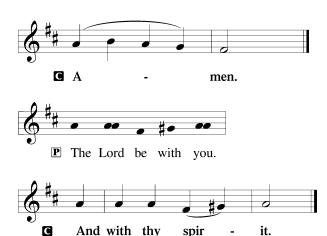




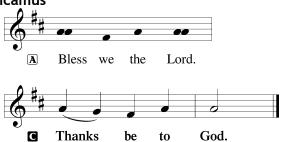


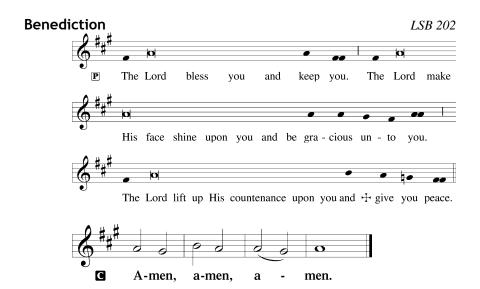
A Let us pray.

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.



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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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This Week at Immanuel

Sunday:

Divine Service: 9:00am

Bible Class: 10:15am - Genesis

Sunday School: 10:15am

Monday:

Church Kitchen Cleaning: 10:00 am

Church Council: 5:00 pm

Tuesday:

Make-up Servant Workshop: 1:00-3:00 pm LSC Bible Study: 7:00 pm - Revelations

Wednesday:

Confirmation Class: 4:30-5:30pm

Thursday

Noon Bible Class: 12:00pm – Gospel of John

Leisure Lutheran Game Day: 1:00 pm

Saturday

LFL information booth - Arts and Craft Fair 9:00 am -

3:00 pm

Lutherans For Life

Message from Mary Wittmaier, LFL Rolla Chapter President Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of "selfish ambition or conceit" but in service to "the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

Rolla Area Chapter of Lutherans For Life will be hosting an information booth at the Rolla Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, October 7. Hot chocolate, coffee, water and snacks will be distributed among the fair attendees. Should you care to donate packets of hot chocolate mix, individual snack items or bottles of water, or to man the booth, please contact Mary Wittmaier for additional information.

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.

Today is LWML Sunday and Mite collection day. The work of the Lutheran Women's

Missionary League, Women in Mission, is being highlighted and today's bulletin insert lists the national mission projects for 2024-2026. During October 2022-October 2023 our Immanuel LWML society has delivered 217 t-shirt diapers and 259 pillowcase dresses to an Orphan Grain Train collection point; 45 marked Bibles have been delivered to Missouri State Department of Corrections for use in state prison ministry; 420 backpacks of weekend food items have been donated to Rolla Backpack Program; and 100 quilts will be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief ingathering. To God be the glory.

Servant Workshop make-up day, 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.

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. Please inform Mary Wittmaier or Carla Roedemeier to carpool.

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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 reorganized 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

Members serving in the Armed Forces

Jacob Banholzer Matt Battley Joe Duehning Amber Dean Marshall Dean

Those Serving Today

Elder: Jim Perry

Organist: Berniece Strandberg

Choir: "At Every Turn"

Ushers: Team 4

Greeters Today: Erma Jean Haas & Bill Wuencher **Alter Guild:** Carla Roedemeier & Sara McCelland

Refreshments Today: Janis Wassilak

Altar Flowers Today: given to the Glory of God by Don &

Connie Swetnam in blessing of their 66th Anniversary

The Fruits of Our Faith

Attendance Sunday 9/24/2023: 224, Communion: 142

Attendance Sunday 9/24/2023: Bible Class - 42 Attendance Thursday 9/21/2023: Bible Class 16

Offerings for 9/24/2023: 6,313.25

Refreshments College Students: Christy Rush

The Family Altar

For Families Gathered Around God's Word The week of October 1-7

Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon

Monday: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

Tuesday: Psalm 25:1-10

Wednesday: Philippians 2: 1-4, 14-18

Thursday: Matthew 21: 23-27

Friday: Small Catechism - Commandments 1-3/Meaning

Saturday: Family Prayers

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

Dottye Wolf

Scott Egbert

Brandon Lowe

Deanne Greene

Hyrum Allen

Bob Chreitien

Chuck Johnson

Tracy Krauss

Connie Swetnam

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 lifegiving 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.