



# 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.

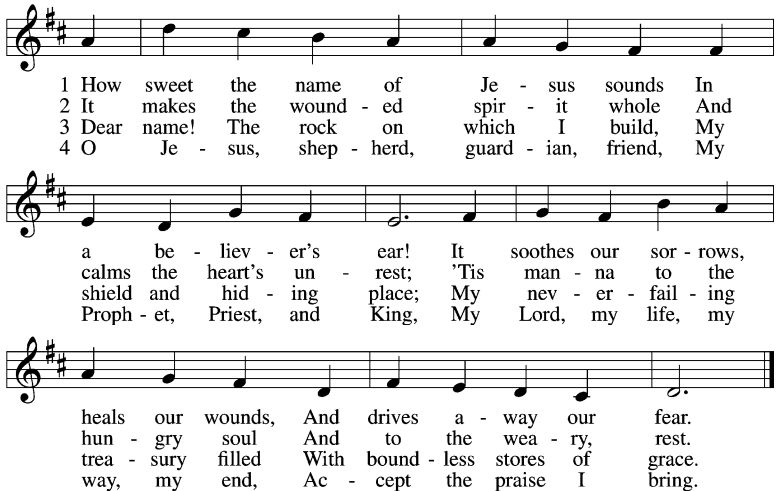
## **+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion+**

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 19  
October 8, 2023  
Divine Service 4

## Confession and Absolution

### 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my

heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,  
who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,  
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and  
receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us  
first consider our unworthiness and confess  
before God and one another that we have  
sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that  
we cannot free ourselves from our sinful  
condition. Together as His people let us take  
refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our  
heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the  
sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to  
me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins, and lead us to  
everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Vineyard of the LORD Destroyed**

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah

are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



## Straining Toward the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33–46*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

### The Parable of the Tenants

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than

the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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

### 537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of  
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -  
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
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## Sermon

## 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, You have planted, nurtured and hedged around Your vineyard, the Church. You sent Your dear Son to give His life for her. Inspire her by Your Holy Spirit to yield much fruit for Your kingdom and grant that many find shelter on her holy hill. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Father, since Your Son has made us His own by His death, grant that we may share in His sufferings with confidence, and that we may also know the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless our president, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws with repentant hearts . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Divine Vinedresser, You prune those whom You love. Strengthen our hearts to heed Your Law, that we may never presume to sin nor

trust in our own deeds, but look to the  
rainfall of Your grace for our source of life.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You bring forth from this  
barren earth a holy people. Bless them with  
healing, especially, \_\_\_\_\_. Touch  
them with Your healing hand and strengthen  
their faith, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, prepare our hearts to receive the  
Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper.  
Strengthen us in faith and renew us in love  
by this Holy Communion. Bring us at last  
with all the saints to dwell in Your  
everlasting presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love  
over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her  
united voice through Your Spirit, that she in  
turn would freely praise Your lavish grace  
and proclaim Your salvation beyond her  
walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His



cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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  $\text{✠}$  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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei


LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

## 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

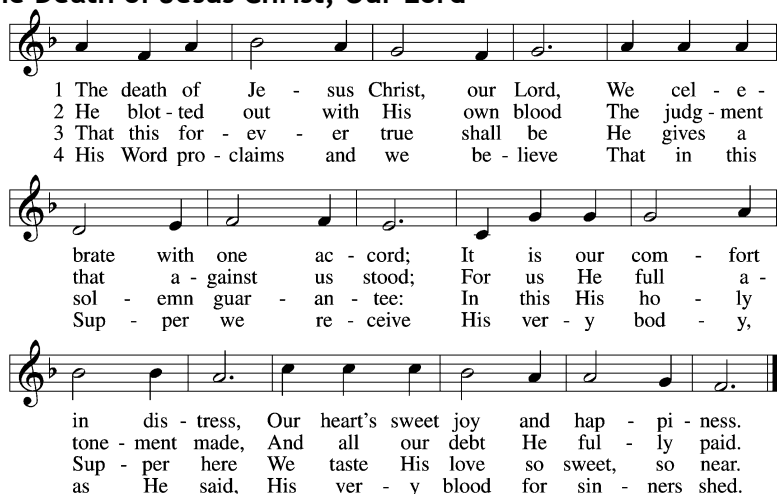
scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.

Tune: French, 17th cent.

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## 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full - a -  
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly  
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5    We dare not ask how this can be,  
      But simply hold the mystery  
      And trust this word where life begins:  
      “Given and shed for all your sins.”
- 6    They who this word do not believe  
      This food unworthily receive,  
      Salvation here will never find—  
      May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7    But blest is each believing guest  
      Who in these promises finds rest;  
      For Jesus shall in love remain  
      With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8    Help us sincerely to believe  
      That we may worthily receive  
      Your Supper and in You find rest.  
      Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite

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## 863 Our Father, by Whose Name

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,  
 Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
 With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
 Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,  
 Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -  
 In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by  
 sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984  
 Tune: John D. Edwards, 1805-85

## Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



## 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

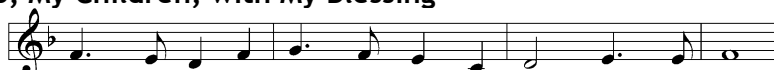
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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.

**C** Amen.

## 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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



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



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



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

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## **This Week at Immanuel**

### **Sunday:**

Divine Service: 9:00am

Bible Class: 10:15am – Genesis

Sunday School: 10:15am

### **Monday:**

Pastor Confirmation class with Beta Sig 5:00p.m.

### **Tuesday:**

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



## **Lutherans For Life**

**Message from Mary Wittmaier**, LFL Rolla Chapter President: The psalmist openly rejoices that Almighty God cherishes every human life He creates. "Let your hand be on...the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself" (Psalm 80:17). The same Lord invites us to delight in receiving one another as gifts privileges—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Why settle for bloodshed when we can have justice (Isaiah 5:7)?

**LWML/Dorcas Mites** collected on Sunday, October 1, totaled \$59.42. These funds will be forwarded to the district mission projects and national mission projects. For a complete list of district mission projects log on to [www.missourilwml.org](http://www.missourilwml.org). For a complete list of national mission projects log on to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants).

**Thank you to everyone** who contributed to the mission projects of Immanuel's Lutheran Women's Missionary League. 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; 112 Bags for Babies (bags of diapers, wipes and formula) to Rolla Pregnancy Resource Center; 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.

**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 by today to carpool.

**Servant Workshop**, Tuesday, October 17, 1-3 p.m. If

10 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**

German Lunch will be hosted by Leisure Lutherans

Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at noon please sign up to bring a German dish.

Card and Game Day, every Thursday at 1:00 after Bible Class everyone is welcome

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.

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.

## **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](mailto: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. October 17<sup>th</sup> is still in need of a volunteer. 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](mailto: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.

**Sunday School Lesson** Praying King Hezekiah becomes king over Judah he removes the altars and idols. Having Conquered Israel.

## **Sunday School News**

Congratulations to Rhett, Roslyn, & Rodrick Perry, Tylin & Taye Davidson & Mason Roedemeier had perfect attendance for September. Tylin Davidson's name was drawn as the winner of the gift card.

## **Thankful & Grateful**

A Big Thank you to Terry & Eileen Theiss for filling in as secretary these past several weeks. It was a blessing and greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Christy Rush for taking over the newsletter for the past few months. Your hard work on the newsletter and as treasurer is a blessing to Immanuel.



## **Church Worker Appreciation**

October has traditionally been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month — an opportunity for congregations to express, in various ways, their thankfulness to the shepherds who care for them.

Starting this year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will be encouraging congregations and school communities to use the month of October to demonstrate appreciation not only for their pastors, but for all workers in the parish and school — pastors, commissioned ministers, business managers, administrative assistants, teacher aides, custodians, cafeteria workers and everyone in between.



We welcome Kurt Hilsabeck next week as guest organist.





## **Members serving in the Armed Forces**

Jacob Banholzer  
Matt Battley  
Joe Duehning

Amber Dean  
Marshall Dean

## **Those Serving Today**

**Elder:** Tom Mesko

**Organist:** Phil Thiem

**Ushers:** Team 1

**Greeters Today:** Sue & Jim Perry

**Altar Guild:** Carla Roedemeier & Sara McClland

**Refreshments Today:** Eileen Theiss

**Altar Flowers Today:** given to the Glory of God by Sophie & Kyle Stagner in blessings of their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## **The Fruits of Our Faith**

**Attendance Sunday 10/1/2023:** 125, Communion: 108

**Attendance Sunday 10/1/2023:** Bible Class - 48

**Attendance Thursday 9/28/2023:** Bible Class 21

**Offerings for 10/1/2023:** \$11,027.75

**Refreshments College Students:** Kelle Swyres

# **The Family Altar**

**For Families Gathered Around God's Word**  
**The week of October 8-14**

**Sunday: Reflect upon the sermon**

**Monday: Isaiah 5: 1-7**

**Tuesday: Psalm 80: 7-19**

**Wednesday: Philippians 3: 4-14**

**Thursday: Matthew 21: 33-46**

**Friday: Small Catechism – Commandments 4-10/Meaning**

**Saturday: Personal prayers for family and church**

## **Prayers**

Ethan, Lyndsey, Sophie,& Emma Fite

Jordan, Randy Krauss

Sarah Downey

Austin Fann

Laura Stoll

Jana Goddard

Don Swetnam

Ronnie Berwick

Bob Mundahl

Carol Holthaus

Dottye Wolf

Scott Egbert

Brandon Lowe

Deanne Greene

Hyrum Allen

Bob Chreitien

Chuck Johnson

Tracy Krauss

**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.