

*Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love: You, who through diverse tongues gathered together the nations in the unity of faith.*

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**    *Last Sunday of the Church Year*  
**Church Phone: 812-867-5088 — Pastor's Phone: 812-760-1854**  
**November 26, 2023 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Opening Prayer** /// **Opening Hymn:** *“Beautiful Savior”* 537

**Invocation:** pg. 184

**Introit:** *Psalm 95: 1-7a*

**P:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

**C:** *Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise..*

**P:** For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. **C:** *In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.*

**P:** The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. **C:** *Come, let us bow down in worship, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;*

**P:** For He is our God **C:** *And we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.*

**(Immediately follows Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father) p. 186,  
The Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) p. 186, The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187)**

**Collect:** Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

**Hymn:** *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* 711

*(Prefatory Remarks)*

**O.T. Lesson:** *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

**Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 15: 20-28*

**(Please rise) Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 25: 31-46*

**Confession of Faith:** *Apostle's Creed* pg. 192

**Sermon Hymn:** *“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”* 706

**Children's Sermon**                      **Sermon**

**Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:** The families of Niedhammer, Cam and Dee; Neukam, Terry and Sandra; and Robbie Newman.

**Lord's Prayer:** pg. 196

**Closing Hymn:** "The Lamb" 547

**Closing Collect:** *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor**  
**Karen Whitehead, Organist**

### **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Hanging of the Greens  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Council Meeting & Luncheon after 10:15 am

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Nov 18: 33 LS:28; Sun, Nov 19: 8 am: 54 LS: 40; 10:15 am: 86 LS: 62

**Member Prayer List:** Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Newman, Theresa, Greg, Jacob and Rachel; Newmaster, Jacob, Laura, Brooks, Baker and Charlie Jo; and Newmaster, Mark, Krista, and Josie.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** December 10 in 10:15 am service. If your child is participating in the Christmas Service please let me or their Sunday School teacher know. Thank you, Ann Welte 812-459-3909

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

**Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> after 10:15 service

**Mid-Week Advent Meals:** December 6, 13 & 20 begin at 6:10 pm

**Mid-Week Advent Worship:** December 6, 13 & 20 at 7 pm

**Council Luncheon & Organizational Meeting:** Sunday, December 3 after 10:15 service

**Children's Sunday School Christmas Program:** December 10 during the 10:15 am service

**Saturday, December 23 Worship Service w/HC at 5:30 pm** (normal time)

**Sunday, December 24** there will **ONE Service at 9:45 am** in the morning which will involve

*Confirmation & High School Youth* participation; and **two services** in the evening at

**6:00 pm** with **Choir Participation** and **10:00 pm** **Candle- Light Service**

**Monday, December 25 at 9:30 am** **Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion**

**SCRIP NEWS: It's time to begin thinking of your holiday grocery shopping and gift giving needs. All SCRIP cards are not available each month, so shop early to make sure you get the cards you need. SCRIP also is a good way to give back to Immanuel as well. Current Cards available listed in the SCRIP Binder in Lounge. The December order will go in on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Turn your orders into, Waverlyn Karch in the church office or put in the SCRIP MAILBOX in the lounge hallway.**

**NEW MEMBER INFO CORRECTON: Whitehead, Mark & Karen, 329 Senate Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711, Karen Cell: 812-480-2577; dghogwild80@gmail.com ; Mark: woodbntnut@aol.com**

**HELP NEEDED FOR ASSISTING WITH LIVE STREAMING:** I'm looking for another person to learn how to livestream our church service. You should be comfortable with computers. The instructions are all written out and it's not hard to learn. We livestream the first service so you need to commit to being at the 8am service once or twice a month since we rotate this responsibility. If you are interested, please call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076.