

*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**

**Church Phone: 812-867-5088 - Last Saturday of the Church Year**

**November 25, 2023 - 5:30 pm**

**Opening Prayer // Opening Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" 537**

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: O Lord, open my lips.	<b>C:</b> <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	<b>C:</b> <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: God the Father, made the Plan	<b>C:</b> <i>He gave to us the Plan of the Gospel.</i>
P: Jesus carried out the Plan.	<b>C:</b> <i>He died on the Cross for our sins</i>
P: The Holy Spirit makes the Plan a part of our lives	<b>C:</b> <i>He opens our hearts</i>
P: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	<b>C:</b> <i>The Holy Trinity that grants life</i>
P: Our God made, carried out, and brought	<b>C:</b> <i>His plan of salvation to us.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	<b>C:</b> <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

**Psalmody:** *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.*

**All:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**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

**O.T. Lesson:** *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* // **Epistle Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 15: 20-28*

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

**Hymn:** "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" 706

**Children's Sermon** /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed** (back of Hymnal)

**Offering brought to the Altar**

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

**Lord's Prayer** (back of hymnal)

**Confession of Sins**

**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, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive 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.*

**Absolution:** 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. Amen.

**Admonition to Communicants:** I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

**Blessing of Elements** /// **Distribution** /// **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**

## WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

### THIS WEEK

**TONIGHT:** Worship w/HC 5:30 pm  
**TOMORROW:** 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.**

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**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.