

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 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 November 19, 2023 --- 8:00 am

Opening Prayer /// **Opening Hymn:** “*Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*” 584

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

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

Confession and Absolution: pg. 184-185 /// **The Introit:** *Psalm 90: 1-12*

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. **C:** *Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*

P: You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.” **C:** *For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

P: You sweep men away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: **C:** *Though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.*

P: We are consumed by Your anger and terrified by Your indignation. **C:** *You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.*

P: All our days pass away under Your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. **C:** *The length of our days is seventy years, or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

P: Who knows the power of Your anger! For Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due You. **C:** *Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Gloria Patri: Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to the God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah Three in One! Glory, Glory, While eternal ages run. (LSB 506)

Kyrie: Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy Christ, Our King (LSB 733) Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

Gloria: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, (LSB 851) His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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: *“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”* 562 vs. 1,4,5,6

O.T. Lesson: *Zephaniah 1: 7-16* /// **Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30* /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn: *“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”* 691

Sermon

Confessional Hymn: *“In God We Believe”* (802)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r In mercy has brought us renewal this hour
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secure True God and True Man once the cross He endured

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess: With power and truth the church now He does bless
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Moore, Lois; Mulkey, Chris and Susie; and Neal, Greta.

Lord’s Prayer: *back of hymnal* /// **Blessing of Elements** /// **Distribution**

Closing Hymn: *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* 806

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
Matthew Wilson, 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

TODAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Special Voter's Meeting, Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon
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 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Nov 11: 48 LS: 37; Sun, Nov 12: 8 am: 62; 10:15 am: 48

Member Prayer List: Next Saturday and Sunday we will be praying for the families of Niedhammer, Cam and Dee; Neukam, Terry and Sandra; and Robbie Newman.

THANK YOU: We were blessed with raising \$2200.00 (at least) for Case's Seminary training through the Rummage Sale. I want to sincerely thank everyone who made it possible and the hard work put in to make it successful and to clean up as well. Pastor

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.

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

Thanksgiving Meal: Sunday, November 19 following the 10:15 am service.

Special Voter's Meeting: Sunday, November 19 following the 10:15 am service. Voter's Meeting held for *Election of 2024 Officers and 2024 Budgets*. All members are welcome to attend.

Thanksgiving Worship Service: Wednesday, November 22 w/HC at 7 pm

Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, November 26th 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**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH Join your Immanuel Family for our **Annual Thanksgiving Meal** hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls & Drinks will be provided.

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for food, fun & Fellowship



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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 4th.**

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

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