

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 27th, 2026

*To God be glory for 148 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
76 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast.*

## ***Prelude\*\*Ringing of the Bell\*\*Welcome***

# Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation**    *LSB #812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

*Please stand if you are able.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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,**

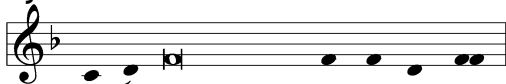
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD lifts up the humble;

**he casts the wicked to the ground.**

## Kyrie

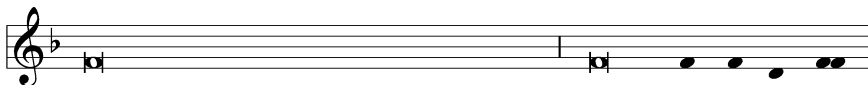
*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



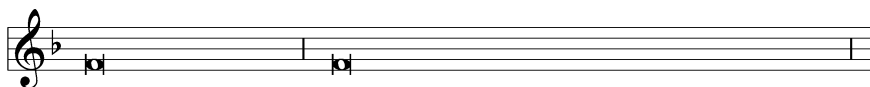
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



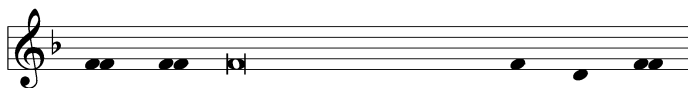
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 154*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## **Organ Interlude**

*(as children come forward for the lesson)*

## **Children's Lesson**

*given by Courtney Gieselman*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“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’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>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. . . .

<sup>25</sup>“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?

<sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>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?

<sup>30</sup>“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. <sup>31</sup>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? <sup>32</sup>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.

## **Gradual**

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility

count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.*

### Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>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?”

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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?’

<sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>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.



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

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

*LSB#655 Lord, Keep US Steadfast in Your Word*

## Sermon

*Please stand if you are able.*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

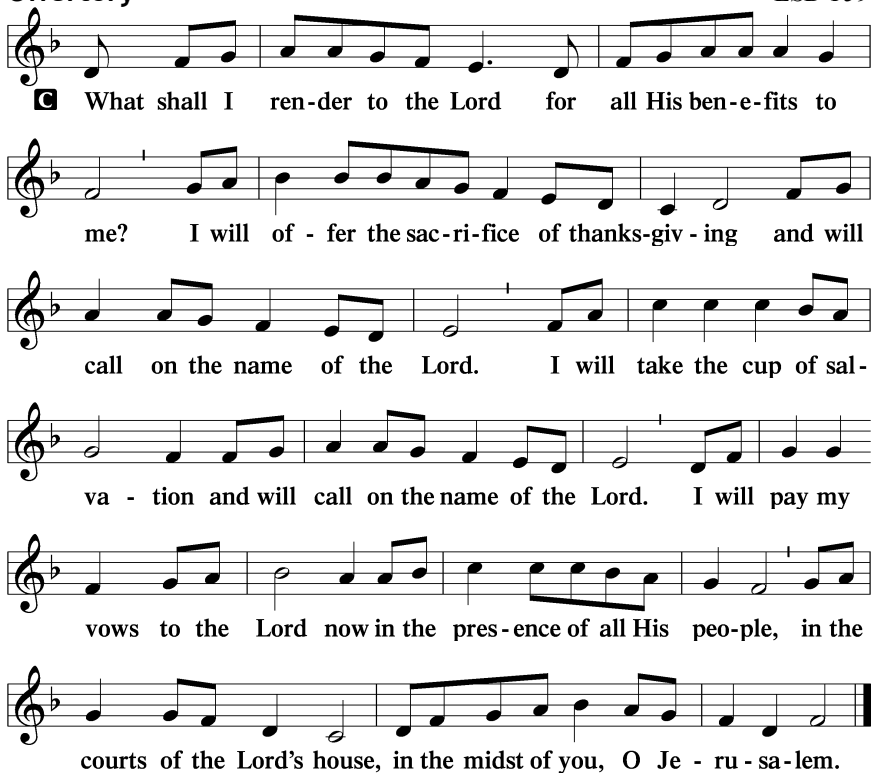
*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Please stand if you are able.*

## Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## 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.

## Concluding Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to . . . . .one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*



**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.

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn to Depart

*LSB# 857 Lord Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

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**In our Prayers** (*Please provide any needed updates to Erica Rennison*)

**Members of Immanuel:** Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Jeanette Koch, Lindsey Shockley.

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Janel Boehmer, Margie Finkeldei, Debbie Greer, Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, Gail Foster Horman, Randy and Laurie Johnson, Kelly Krause, David Maas, Danny Merrick, Jeffrey Meyer, Inez Navarro, Mary Lou Ramos, and Mark Tolias.

### **At-home and Nursing Home Residents:**

Norma Gieseke, Roy Hemme, and Walter Howard, Ryan Sims (at home)

Millie Dohrman (The Arbors Memory Care Assisted Living)

Carol Thurman (Life Care Center of Carrollton)

Carol Brandt (Good Shepherd Home)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand); Rev. David & Valerie Federwitz (LBT West Africa Regional Director)

**Military & First Responders:** Makenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye, Ethan Sims

**For favorable weather** for farming and safety in the fields.

## The Lord's Week of September 27<sup>th</sup>

|             |                |                                               |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>9:00 am</b> | <b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b>         |
|             | 10:15 am       | BC/SS                                         |
|             | 11:20 am       | Junior Confirmation                           |
| <b>Mon.</b> | 10:00 am       | Board of Finance                              |
|             | 2:00 pm        | Erica Rennison (secretary) in office          |
| <b>Wed.</b> | 10:00 am       | Women's Bible Study                           |
| <b>Fri.</b> | 8:00 am        | Erica Rennison (secretary) in office          |
| <b>Sun.</b> | <b>9:00 am</b> | <b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> |
|             | 10:15 am       | BC/SS                                         |
|             | 11:15 am       | Board of Education                            |
|             | 12.00 pm       | Royal Oaks pizza                              |

## Announcements

### Our Church Family

Save the Date – **BINGO NIGHT** will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Broadcast Sponsorship** – Thank you to Dub and Sharon Knight for sponsoring the 9/27 broadcast in honor of their 69 years of marriage. We celebrate this anniversary with you and wish you many more. We are grateful for your contributions to the church over the years. Many blessings to you.

**Royal Oaks Pizza** is at noon on October 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone from church is interested in going, please let Brenda Wulff know so they can plan for enough food.

**New Secretary in training!** Please stop by the office and welcome Erica Rennison. She is starting to assume the secretarial duties for the church. Her hours will vary but will be included in the Lord's Week each week. She may also be reached at the church's email address and phone number. Her cell number is (660) 221-2977.

**The Care Team** thanks those that were able to provide cookies for the farmers at the elevator. The team was able to bag over 600 cookies!

### Friends of our Church Family

**LWML Fall Rally** - The Ladies of Immanuel cordially invite you to join us at the LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, **October 10**, at Immanuel, Higginsville. Registration opens at 8:30 am. A light breakfast will be served. There is a \$5 registration fee. Meeting begins at 9:00 am. A general offering and mites will be collected. The speaker will be Dr. Jerrode Marsh, Executive Director, Concordia Music Conservatory. The Ingathering will be a monetary donation to the Concordia Music Conservatory. No need to RSVP.

**Saint Paul Lutheran High School** is having its **40th Annual Auction** **September 27th-October 2nd**. If you are interested in donating, please contact Sarah Sullivan at [ssullivan@splhs.org](mailto:ssullivan@splhs.org) or call (660) 463-2238 ext. 232. Money raised from the auction will be used to put in a paved patio area around the new football press box. Thank you for your support!

**Join us for a Trivia Night** on Saturday, October 3 in the Annex at Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Gather your smartest friends, pick a theme for your table, and join us. Register your team at <https://tinyurl.com/TriviaNightTaiwanTrip>. The cost is \$10 per person and tables will accommodate teams of 8 people.

**Be a Partner in Prayer for St. Paul's Lutheran School:** You are invited to join parents, grandparents, and friends of St. Paul's Lutheran School each Monday when school is in session from 8:15–8:30 am in the school library. Pastor Michael Pottschmidt and Pastor Andrew Lehenbauer lead this weekly time for prayer.



Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time, we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

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