

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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

Our policy and practice regarding Holy Communion

Hear the words of the Apostle Paul;

Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself - 1 Cor. 11:29

Therefore, visitors are asked to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament before speaking about this with the pastor; because we care about your spiritual well-being.

Also, because communing at this altar is a public confession that you agree with the doctrines of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and you reject all contrary teachings.

Persons not communing today are welcome to come forward during the distribution to receive an individual blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for this. -Thank you!

Hymn of Invocation 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Please stand if you are able.

Confession and Absolution

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

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,

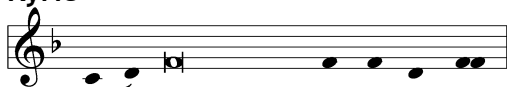
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Kyrie

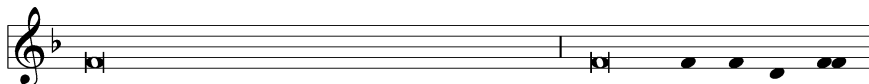
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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.



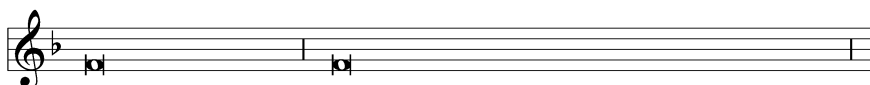
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



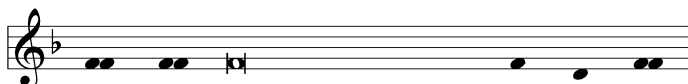
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



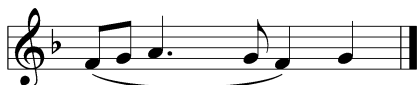
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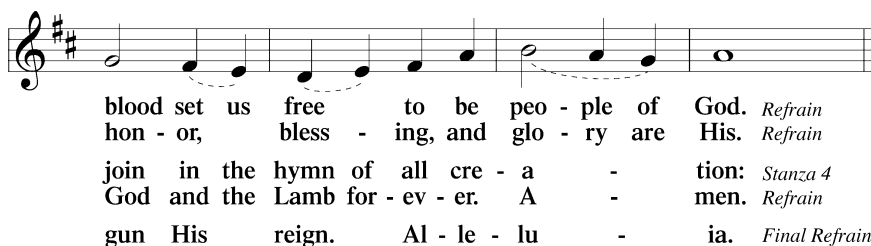
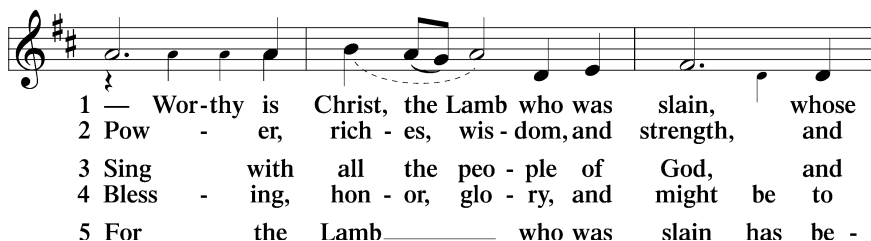
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What 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.
⁶I 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.
⁷For 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!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 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 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, 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 ⁹and 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— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (next page)

¹²Not 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.

¹³Brothers, 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,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P 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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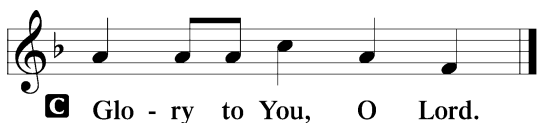


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³³[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. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They 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.”

⁴²Jesus 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’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And 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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of The Day

544 O Love, How Deep

Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

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.

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



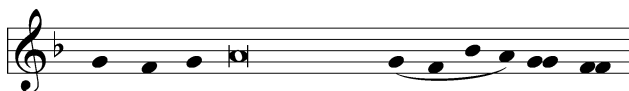
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

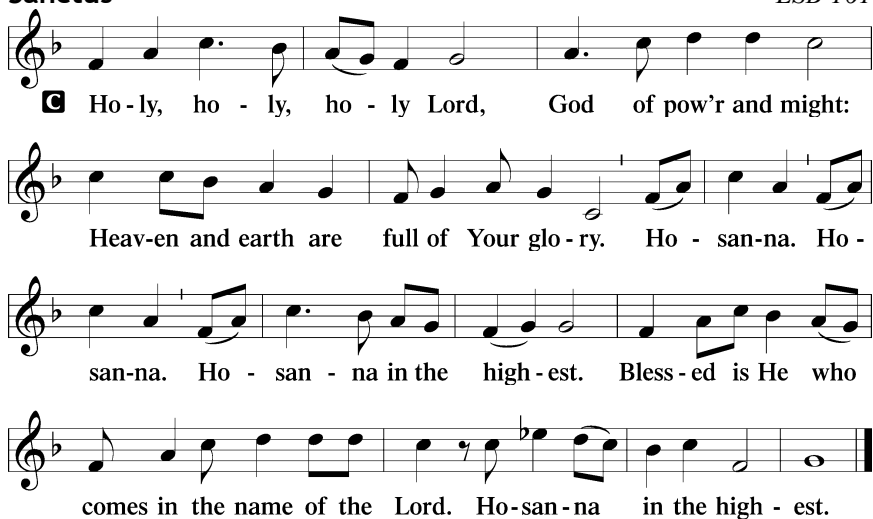


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

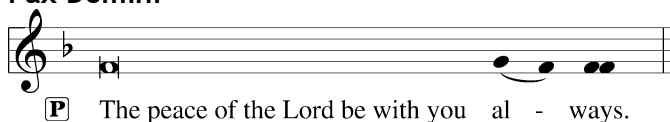
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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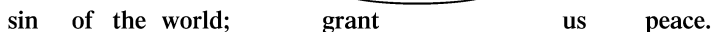
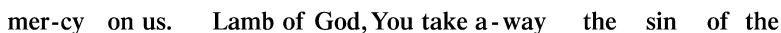
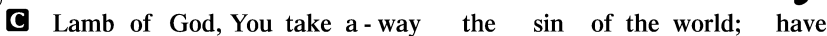
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Please stand if you are able

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Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

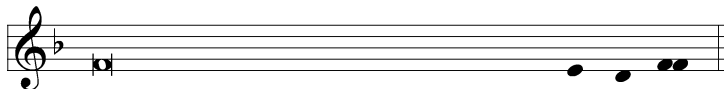


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

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[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] A - men.

825 Rise, Shine, You People

Announcements

Our Church Family

Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday October 11th. Take a moment to share your gratefulness for Pastor John.

Chick update!! Thanks to the help of the Sunday school kids, Adult Bible class, and the congregation, we are close to bringing in \$2,000 for our VBS project. We are going to collect donations until October 11th in hopes we are able to reach \$2,000. We are less than \$150 away!! Thank you for your continued support!

Bike4Alz Team 14 - We got a thank you card thanking the church for hosting them during their journey.

Eat & Treat is on October 31st from 5-7:30. If anyone has candy they want to give for the basket from church members, they can leave it in the kitchen with a note on it for the Eat and Treat.

Save the Date – **BINGO NIGHT** will be November 7th. Time to be determined.

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!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR September 2026

Church & Sunday School Attendance				Tithes and offerings for September 2026 Budget Amount Needed for September 2026: \$19,450 <i>Amount received for September 2026: \$15,244</i> Receipts <i>were below</i> <i>budget by \$4,106</i>
Date	Sunday Service	Adult Bible Class	Sunday School	
Sept 6	145	27	14	
Sept 13	103	No Class	No Class	
Sept 20	104	No Class	No Class	
Sept 27	76	16	17	

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 starts 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.

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.

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The Lord's Week of October 4th

Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15 am	BC/SS
	11:15 am	Board of Education
	11:15 am	Junior Confirmation
	12:00 pm	Royal Oaks pizza
	12:00 pm	Erica in office
Mon.	3:00 pm	Erica in office
	5:30 pm	Board of Missions
	6:30 pm	Altar Guild
Wed.	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Erica in office
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sun.	9:00 am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15 am	BC/SS
	11:15 am	Junior Confirmation



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.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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MISSOURI AMENDMENT 3

Life is a gift from God.

Scripture clearly states that God is the Creator of all human life (Job 10:12) from the moment of conception (Ps. 139:13–14).

Life has value.

Human life, though marred by the fall, has a unique and valued place in God's creation (Gen. 9:6; Ps. 8:5).

Life is God's intention.

God sent His Son to die and redeem all human life (John 3:16). Jesus came that you may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

As we prepare for election day,
we are wise to consider
the values above from Scripture.
While the church is not a political entity
and not in the business of endorsing candidates,
it is our Christian responsibility and privilege
to take part in civic action to care for our neighbors —
especially those who cannot speak for themselves
(Prov. 31:8–9).



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

WHAT WOULD AMENDMENT 3 CHANGE?

Missouri Amendment 3 will appear on the Nov. 3, 2026, general election ballot. It would repeal Article I, Section 36, of the Missouri Constitution and replace it with new constitutional provisions addressing abortion, parental consent for minors, and gender transition procedures for minors.

A “yes” vote would:

- Allow legislation to regulate abortion providers and facilities.
- Require informed and voluntary consent, including parental, or judicial consent for minors.
- Allow abortion to be restricted to medical emergencies, rape, or incest under 12 weeks’ gestation, and fetal anomalies.
- Prohibit public funding of abortions except in limited circumstances.
- Prohibit gender transition procedures for minors, with specified exceptions.

A “no” vote would:

- Leave Article I, Section 36, in place.
- Leave abortion access from conception through fetal viability.
- Allow gender transition procedures for minors.

Questions?

For questions specific to Amendment 3, contact Missouri District Life Coordinator Rev. Dr. Jason Wagner at pastorwagner@email.com.