

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 *LSB #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

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

Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and for- evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the be- ginning,

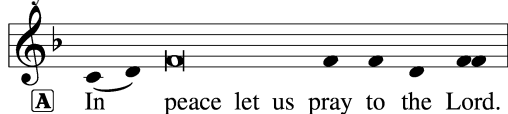
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is your keeper;

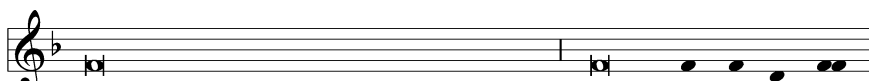
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Kyrie

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



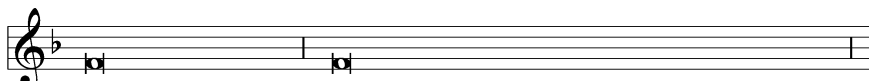
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



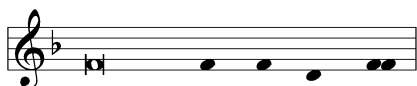
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



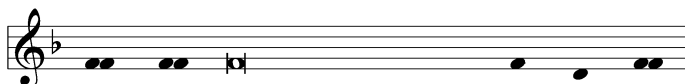
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



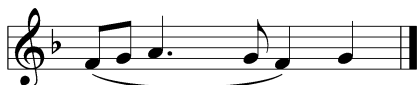
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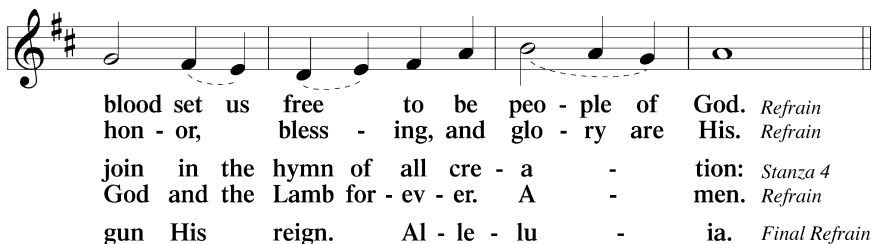
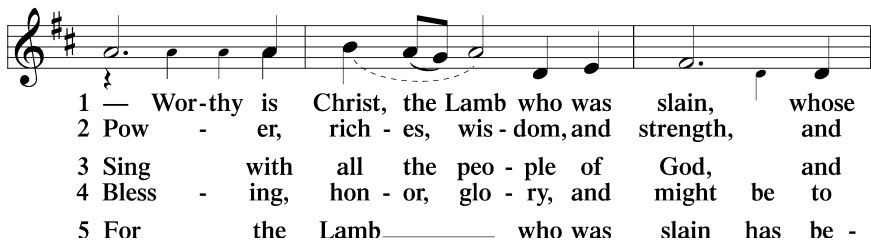
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



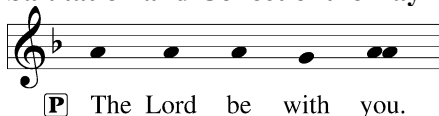
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody for the words "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody for "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

LSB #940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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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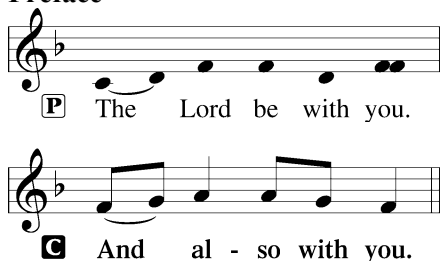


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,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

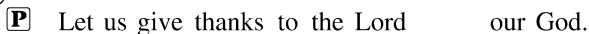
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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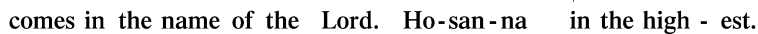


P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P . . . with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

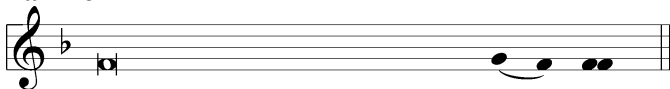
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night . . .
“This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

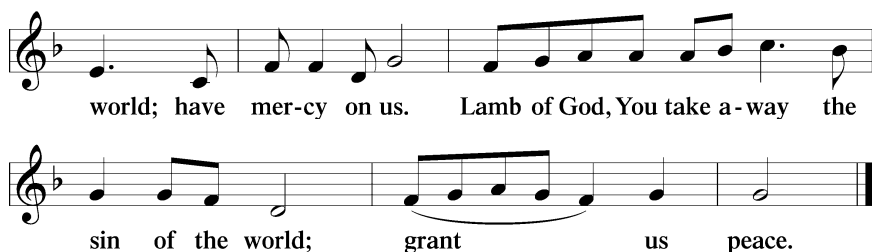
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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



Please be seated.

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.

LSB #839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Please stand if you are able.

Thank the Lord

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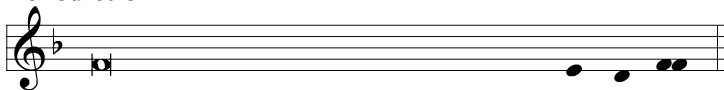
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.



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.

LSB #824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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

UCM Lutheran Student Center - Bless the students as they go through midterms.

Members of Immanuel: Evelyn Kincaid, Nolan Kirby, Jeanette Koch, Lindsey Shockley, Walter Howard

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, 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.

Announcements

Our Church Family

Parking Lot Dedication is taking place after church today!

Youth Outing October 25 from 2p-4p @ Power Up Arcade in Sedalia. Ice cream to follow! For 2nd grade and up.

Light Up the Night with Jesus Christ 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.

Honoring Veterans - Our church family would like to honor and recognize the veterans in our congregation this Veterans Day! If you have served in the United States Armed Forces, we would be honored to recognize you during our Veterans Day service.

Please contact the church office by November 1 with your branch of service, the years you served, where you served, and any additional information you would like to share so we can properly recognize you on Veterans Day. Thank you!

BINGO NIGHT will be November 7th. Tacos starting at 6p; BINGO starting at 6:30p. Board of Education is asking the Ladies of the Congregation to make a pie for BINGO Night and have to the church by 6p on 11/7

Tuition Brunch - Please join us at Holy Cross, Emma, for our annual Tuition Brunch on Sunday, November 8th to raise funds for tuition expenses. We will be serving brunch from 10am-noon (or until we run out of food) with Free Will Donation at the door. Feel free to join us for 9am church beforehand and enjoy music from Trinity students. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Program practice will begin on November 29th during the Sunday School hour.

Lutheran Bible Translators - sent us a 'thank you' for supporting them in investing in Bible translation around the world. Please contact the Board of Missions if you'd like to help with the next donation.

Friends of our Church Family

Free Piano Concert: Dr. Jerrode Marsh will perform a piano concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. St. Paul's is celebrating God's goodness and the acquisition of a Yamaha C7 grand piano. Please join them for a concert featuring classical piano music by Bach, Chopin, and others, as well as some arrangements of favorite hymns. A reception will follow. A free-will donation will be collected for music ministry.

From Rev. John-Michael Schweigert, Director of Campus Ministry at UCM
- "Thank you for encouraging the UCM Lutheran Student Center! The ministry engages with over 40 students every single week. God is growing them all so well!"

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.

The Lord's Week of October 18th

Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:00 am	Erica in office
	10:15 am	BC/SS
	11:15 am	Junior Confirmation
Tues.	<i>Pastor at Conference</i>	
	8:30 am	Braille
	3:15 pm	Erica in office
Wed.	<i>Pastor at Conference</i>	
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Erica in office
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Thurs.	<i>Pastor at Conference</i>	
	2:00 pm	Erica in office
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Fri.	<i>Pastor at Conference</i>	
Sun.	<i>REFORMATION DAY</i>	
	9:00 am	Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300
	10:15 am	BC/SS
	11:15 am	Junior Confirmation
	2:00pm – 4:00 pm	Youth Outing (Power Up Arcade – Sedalia)



Those Serving Us in Worship Today

Musician.....Ron Baker
Acolyte.....Addison Schroeder
Radio and Sound...Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies, Chad Ohrenberg
Video.....Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
Ushers.....Allan Koch, Ron Meyer, Dave Gieselman, Tim Schelp
Pastor.....Pastor John Engwall

Pastor’s contact - Phone:865-206-1603 Email: johnengwall54@gmail.com

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!



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@gmail.com.