

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Reformation Day

October 25, 2026

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

Hymn of Invocation *LSB #694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*
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 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

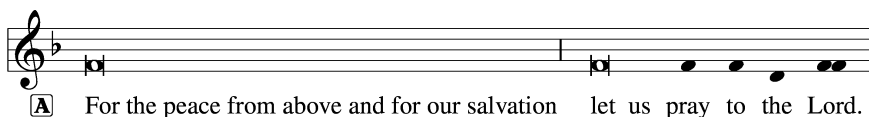
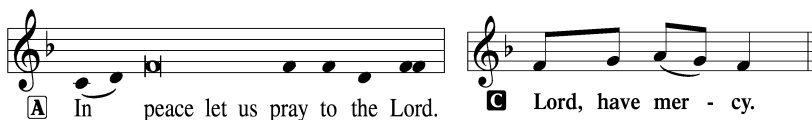
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

and shall not be put to shame.

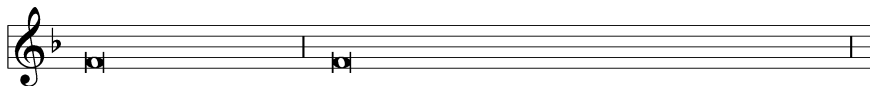
Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



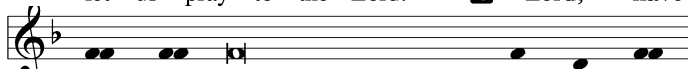
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



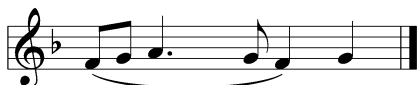
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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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,

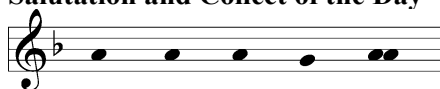


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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 and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

Organ Interlude

(as children come forward for the lesson)

Children's Lesson

given by Courtney Gieselman

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 48:1a, 12–14a

**Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!**

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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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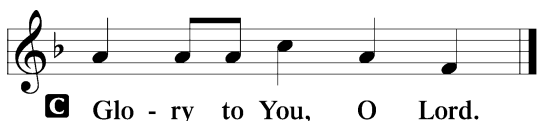


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

LSB #579 *The Law of God is Good and Wise*

Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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 ☩ 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

LSB 162

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.

Concluding Collect

A Let us pray. through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart

LSB #656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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: Nolan Kirby, Jeanette Koch, Lindsey Shockley, Walter Howard

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

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), Rev. Sakarias Ingolfsson of The Lutheran Church in Norway and Iceland, as he's starting a new mission church in Reykjavík, Iceland, African pastors traveling to LHF's translation center in Nairobi for Project 72 training in "Preaching the Word."

In our Prayers cont'd

Military & First Responders: Makenna Eckhoff, Drake Batye, Ethan Sims
For favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields.

Announcements

Our Church Family

Youth Outing is TODAY 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 Light Up the Night.

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!

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!

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.

Concordia Seminary thanked the church for our donation of \$1000 to enable them to provide theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord for the formation of pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars, and leaders for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The **Warrensburg Lutheran Campus Ministry** sent us a "thank you" for our donation of \$60. Our gift supports the ministry to continue helping students grow in their faith toward God and one another.

Lutheran World Relief thanks the congregation for our \$250 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 TODAY 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.

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Apple Butter - Heit's Point Lutheran Board Members are making Apple Butter! If you'd like to help them FUNdraise for the camp and the ministries God is doing, please purchase a pint or two of apple butter. \$10/each. Please contact Alice at secretary.heitspointministries@gmail.com.

Christmas at Heit's Point - This will be December 5th. They are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Cundiff, their LCMS synodical director of church planting, coming to be the speaker and Mr. Adam Fosse giving a concert on the grand piano! Plan to celebrate the year of joy God has given at the camp! For more info please call [660-668-2363](tel:660-668-2363).

Heit's Point Lutheran Church Camp - It's retreat time. We are grateful for your continued support and we want you to remember that we are here to walk alongside you and help strengthen your faith in Christ! Calling all Confirmation age kids and Confirmation Classes! Come join us Nov. 6-8 for an amazing weekend of learning about the Lord's Prayer, having a blast outside with other middle schoolers studying God's Word and making s'mores! Make some new friends and grow in your faith in Christ! Check out our website for more info at heitspointlutheran.org

\$8.5 million in **MOScholars scholarships** has been released this fall to students attending LCMS schools across Missouri! This was made possible through the state's general revenue fund and participation in tax credits. There are approximately 250 students on the list are still awaiting funding. Learn how you can participate in the MOScholars tax credit program and provide these opportunities for children in Missouri at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars. *The deadline for participating in the current tax year is Dec. 31, 2026.*

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.

The Lord's Week of October 25th

Sun. *REFORMATION DAY*

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)

3:00 pm Erica in office

Mon. 10:00 am Board of Finance mtg.

3:30 pm Erica in office

Tues. 6:00 pm Board of Elders mtg

3:30 pm Erica in office

Wed. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thurs. 3:30 pm Erica in office

Sat. 5:00 pm Light Up the Night With Jesus Christ

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sun. *ALL SAINTS DAY*

9:00 am **Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**

10:15 am BC/SS

11:15 am Board of Education mtg.

11:15 am Junior Confirmation



Those Serving Us in Worship Today

Musician.....Ron Baker

Acolyte.....Braelyn Johnson

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!

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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@gmail.com.