IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 #802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,

blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

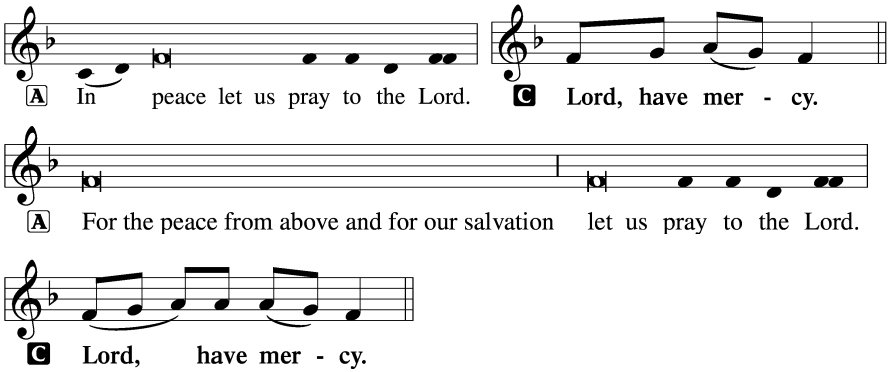
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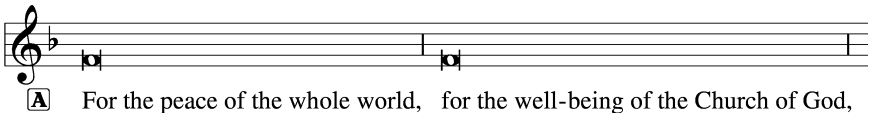
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

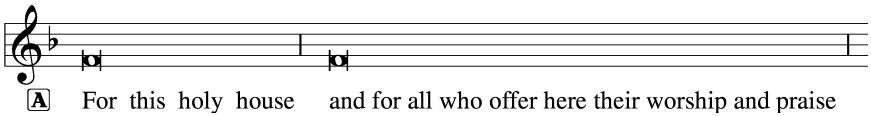
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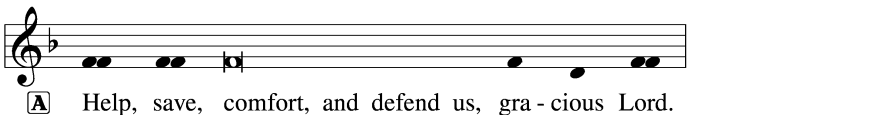
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Kyrie *LSB 152*

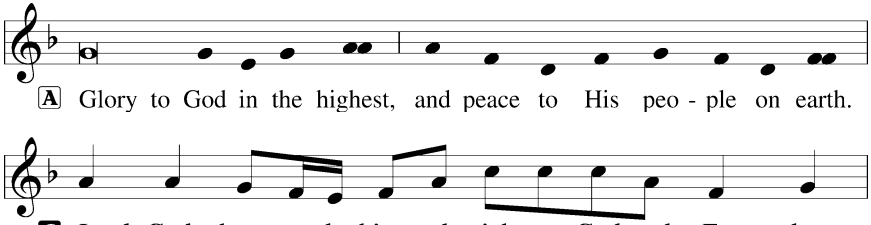








Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Organ Interlude (as children come forward for the lesson)

Children's Lesson given by Courtney Gieselman

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

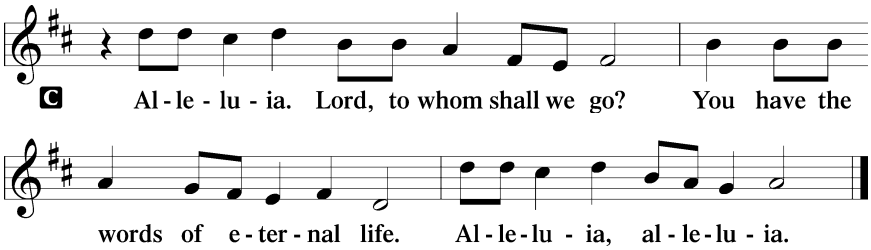
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen

asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

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



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. *(next page)*



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

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day *LSB # 516 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Sermon

Please be seated.

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 ✢ 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 *LSB 159*



Lord's Prayer

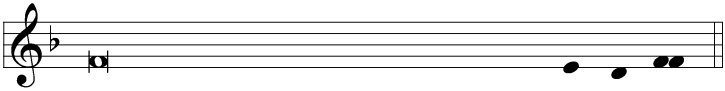
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

Concluding Collect

A Let us pray……..through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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.



Hymn to Depart *LSB # Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

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Honoring Our Veterans

As we gather this Veterans Day, our church family pauses to honor and give thanks for the men and women among us who have faithfully served our country. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting freedom is a true blessing to us all.

We proudly recognize the following veterans from our congregation:

- **Allen Boehmer** served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967, including a deployment to Vietnam.
- **AJ Carter** served in the U.S. Army with the 414th MP Company from 2009 to 2017 and was deployed to Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011 during Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **Jon Dallman** served in the U.S. Navy from 1985 to 1989 in New London, CT, and later in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1990 to 2006, beginning at Camp LeJeune, NC, and continuing to serve at various duty stations approximately every three years.
- **Chris Dickinson** served in the Missouri Army National Guard from 2008 to 2014.

- **Steve Fuchs** served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1970 to 1974 at Camp LeJeune, NC, including one year in Japan during the Vietnam War era.
- **Bill Hampshire** served in the military.
- **Al Hartman** served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959 and again from 1961 to 1962.
- **Dennis Hemme** served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years from 1974 to 1978, and was stationed at Miramar in San Diego, California.
- **Roy Hemme** served in the Missouri Army National Guard from 1954 to 1961.
- **Truman Kirschner** served in the U.S. Army in 1957 and again from 1961 to 1962.
- **Jerry Knipmeyer** served in the National Guard from 1966 to 1972.
- **John W. Knight** served in the Army National Guard for 6 years from 1957 to 1963 with the 35th Quartermaster unit.
- **Chris Koch** first served in the Army National Guard after high school and later rejoined in 2015 with the U.S. Air Force, completing deployments to Afghanistan in 2018 and 2020.
- **Jack Lucas** served in the U.S. Navy.
- **Ron Meyer** served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1974, stationed in Germany with the artillery division.
- **Jason Staples** served with the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, and was deployed to Afghanistan from 2009 to 2010 during Operation Enduring Freedom.
- **Charles Swopes** served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1961. He was on an aircraft carrier in Florida and California.
- **Carol Thurman** served in the U.S. Army for three years.
- **Chad Ziegelbein** enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November 1994 and served in leadership roles across munitions systems and space operations. His career included experience in space control, airfield operations, and various command levels. He transferred to the U.S. Space Force in September 2020, achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, and retired in December 2022 after over 28 years of service in two branches of the military.

We thank each of you for your service to our nation. May the Lord bless and keep you always.

If we have unintentionally missed anyone from this list or if you would like to include additional information about your service, please contact the church office or a member of the Care Team. We would be honored to recognize your service and include you in the future.

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

Members of Immanuel: Nolan Kirby, Lindsey Shockley, Walter Howard, the family of Jeanette Koch, the family of Carol Brandt

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, Ted & Marilyn Bock, the family of Kenny Fangman, Marlene Merrick

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)

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."

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

For favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields.

Announcements

Our Church Family

Board of Education is NOT meeting in November. Please disregard these on the November calendar. The next meeting is January 24th.

Poinsettia forms and envelopes are in the Narthex. Orders will be taken until **December 15th**.

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

Cookie Festival -Sign-up sheet to bring 12 dozen cookies is in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for workers. Set up is **December 4th** and the Festival is **December 5th** starting at 8:30. There are 18 varieties of cookies ($18/box) and candies ($10/pound).

Heifer International - Thanks to everyone who helped us raise money! We were able to purchase 1 pair of mating cows, 4 goats and 26 flocks of chicks for a total of $2,000! Thanks for your continued support! Board of Ed and Sunday School kids!

Friends of our Church Family

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.

$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****.*

The Lord's Week of November 8th

Sun.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
	9:00 am	**Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300 with Pastor Mehl giving the sermon**
	10:00 am	Erica in office
	10:15 am	BC/SS
	10:15 am	Voter's Meeting
Mon.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
	10:00 am	Board of Finance mtg.
	3:00 pm	Erica in office
	5:30 pm	Board of Missions
Tues.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
	7:30 am	Erica in office
	6:00 pm	Board of Properties
Wed.	*Pastor on Vacation*	**---** *Veteran's Day*
Thurs.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
	4:00 pm	Erica in office
Fri.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
	3:30 pm	Erica in office
Sat.	*Pastor on Vacation*	
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



Those Serving Us in Worship Today

Musician……..Ron Baker
Acolyte…… . Cayden Geiselman
Radio and Sound...Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies, Chad Ohrenberg
Video:…….….Marsha Tyler, Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, & others
Ushers.....Chris Brandt, Jerry Knipmeyer, Gary Anderson, JR Reid
Pastor…….……...Pastor John Engwall

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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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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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Celebrating our 26th Annual

Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies

Cookie Festival

held at

Immanuel Lutheran Church

110 Main, Sweet Springs, MO

Saturday, December 5th

8:30 a.m.– sold out

Homemade Candy and decorated cookies

18 varieties of homemade cookies

Cookies are $18.00 per box
Candy $10.00 per pound
Gloves are provided

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