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Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service October 11th, 2026

Welcome! We're glad that you are here, and we hope this service of worship will be a blessing to you. Welcome Packets are available in the entryway

In the ELCA we welcome all believers to receive the Holy Communion. Communion elements for our service include: Pre-packaged wafers (they are also gluten free), individual cup of wine or grape juice.

Restrooms are located through the entryway and to the left (signs are posted).

Assisted Listening: The Hearing Loop system in place for the hearing impaired will allow hearing aids equipped with a telecoil to serve as wireless loudspeakers, delivering sound right inside the ear. By activating a switch on your hearing aid, the sound is transmitted directly to your ears.

MISSION: To inspire members to grow in loving devotion to Jesus Christ, caring concern for one another, welcoming outreach, and loving service to our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT: Immanuel Lutheran Church will be known for welcoming hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

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Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting #10
October 11th, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE
BELLS
SHARING TIME
PASSING THE PEACE
CANDLE LIGHTING (While We Sing the Transition Song)

Transition Song: "God Is Here!" ELW #526

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share;
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A: In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

P: Compassionate God,

C: We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ELW 362 Red Hymnal

GREETING
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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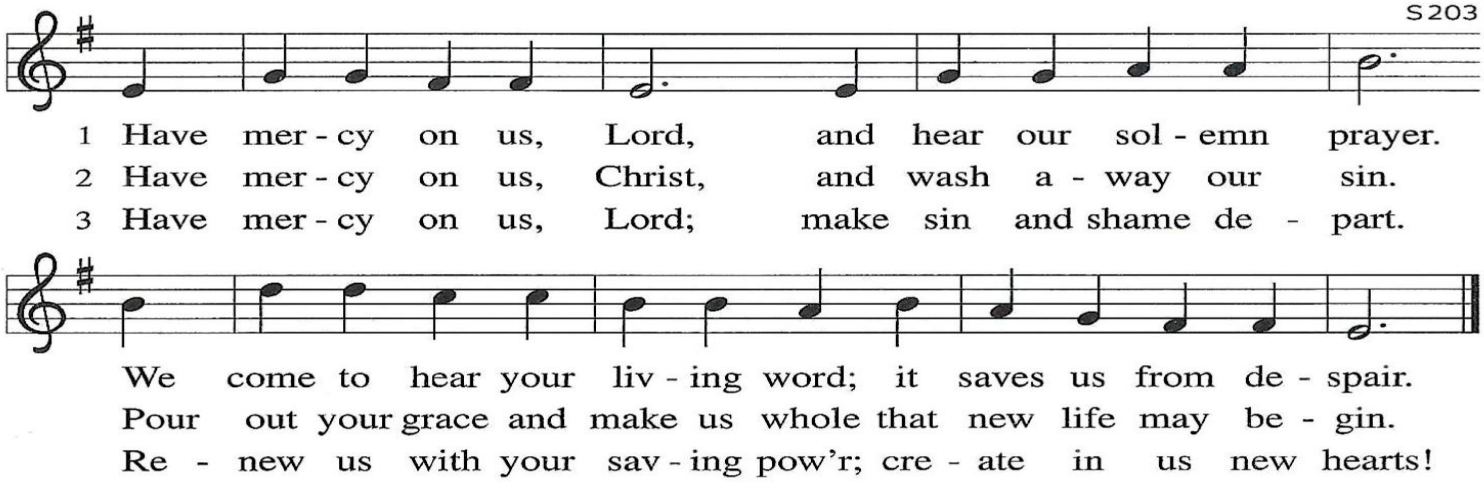
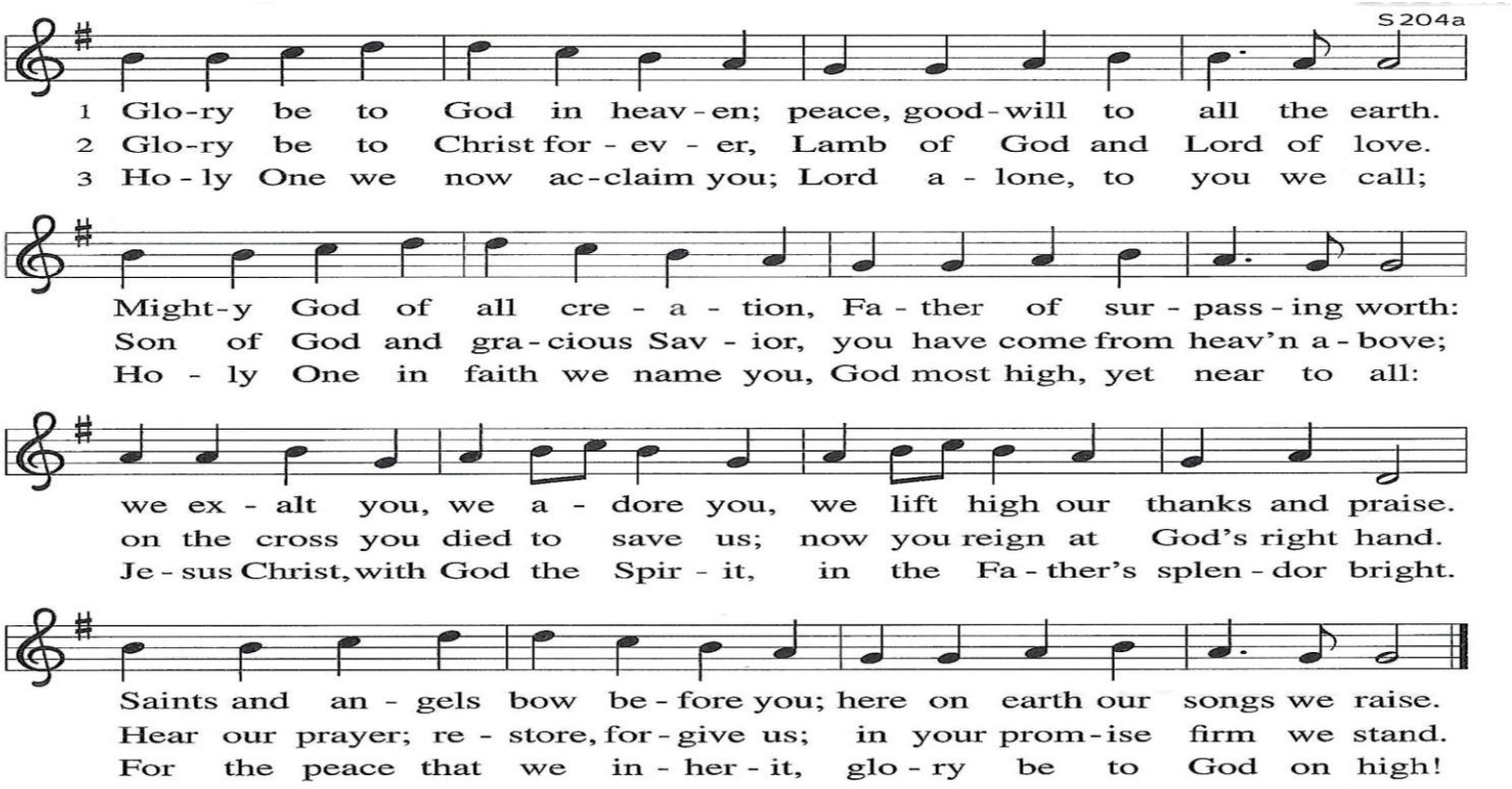


CANTICLE OF PRAISE



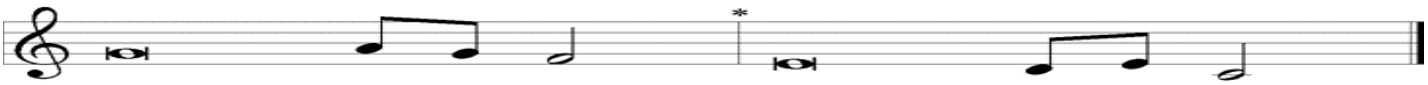
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you
have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the
rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm, 5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the
shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled
with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all
faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has
spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation."

A: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (We sing the Psalm)

1 The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
2 The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.
3 You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

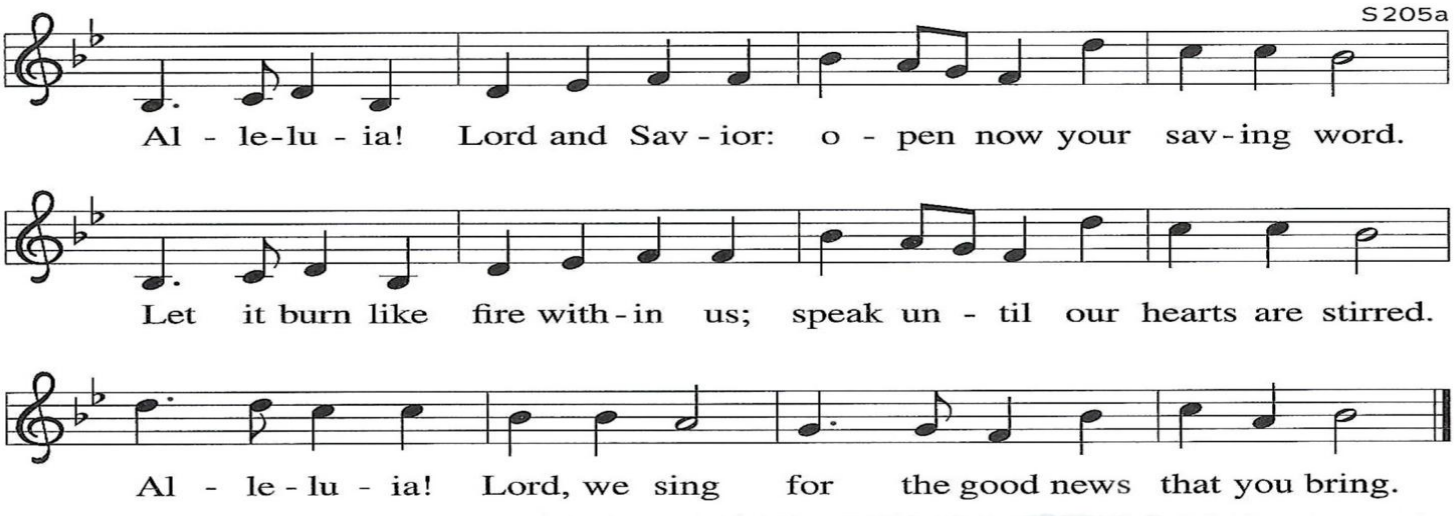
SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the
Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in
the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my
coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is
pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and
received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

A: The word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 22.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call
those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he
sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to
the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to
his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king

was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Pastor John Brown

**(Please stand as you are able)*

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY</u> : "How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796 Red Hymnal

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: <u>APOSTLES' CREED</u>
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

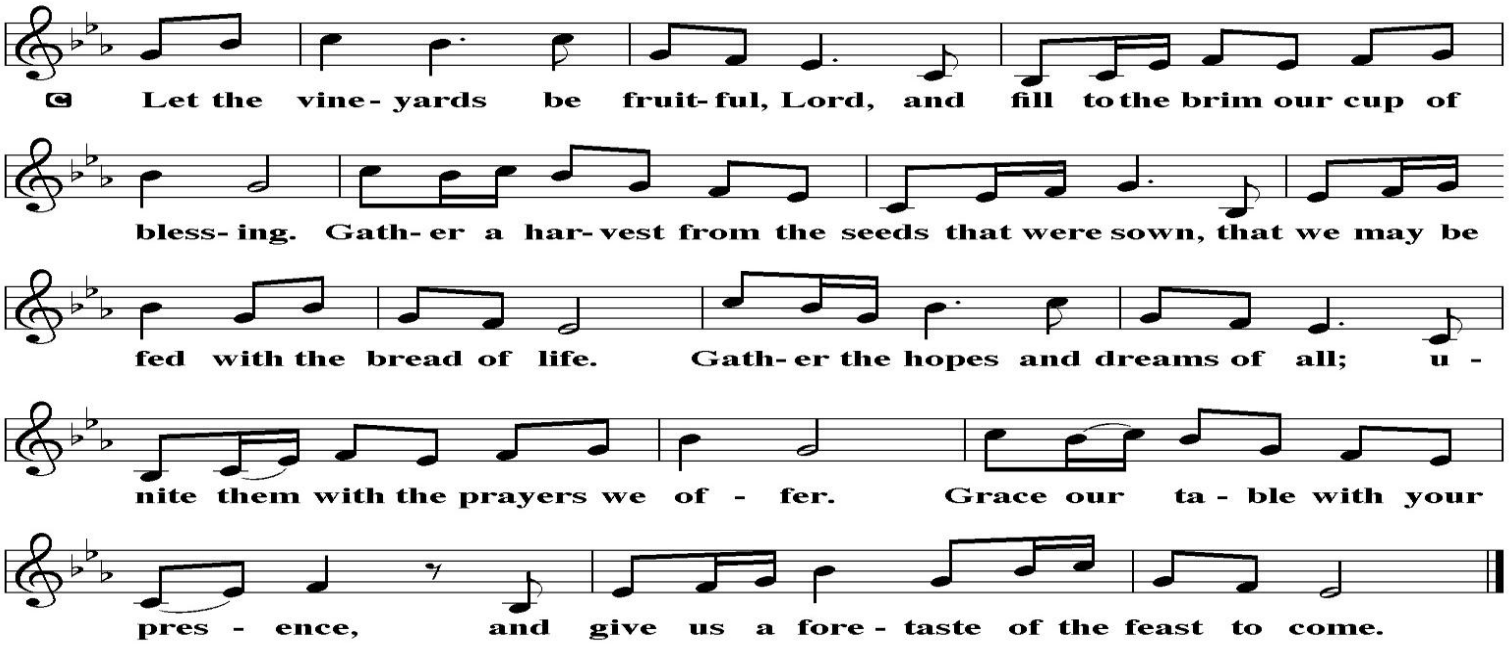
**(Please be seated)*

<u>PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION</u>

Response following each petition:

A: Hear us, O God,
C: Your mercy is great.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS
****LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL****

A: Let us pray.
God of creation,
C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

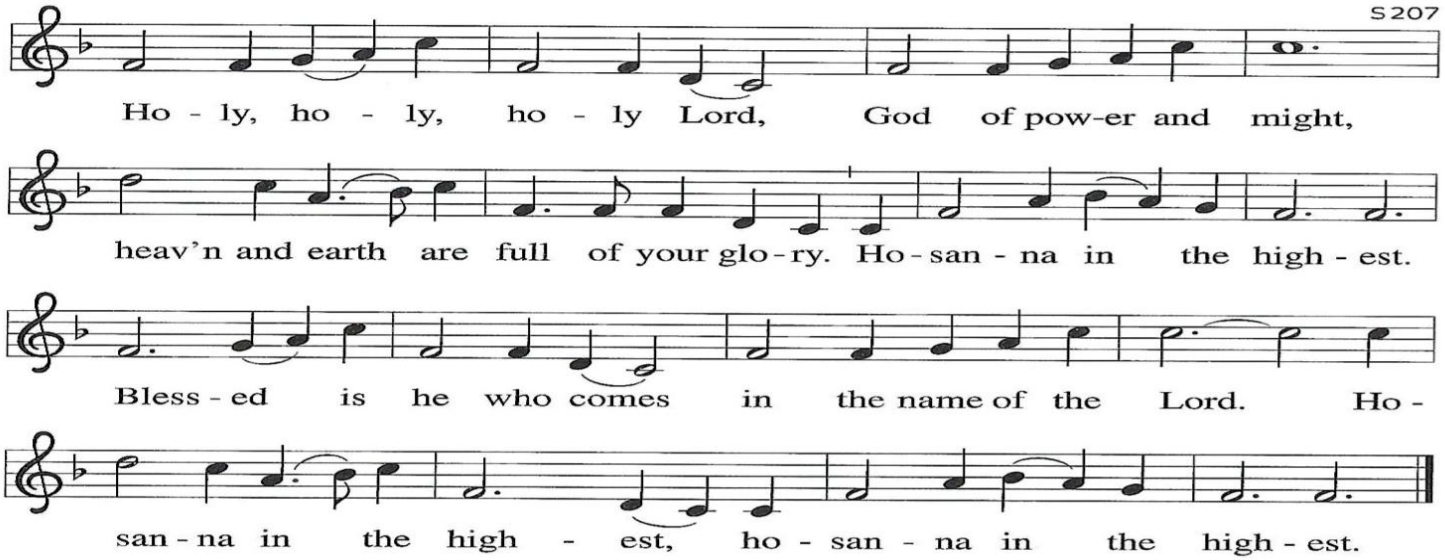
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



CONSECRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take this and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.
(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

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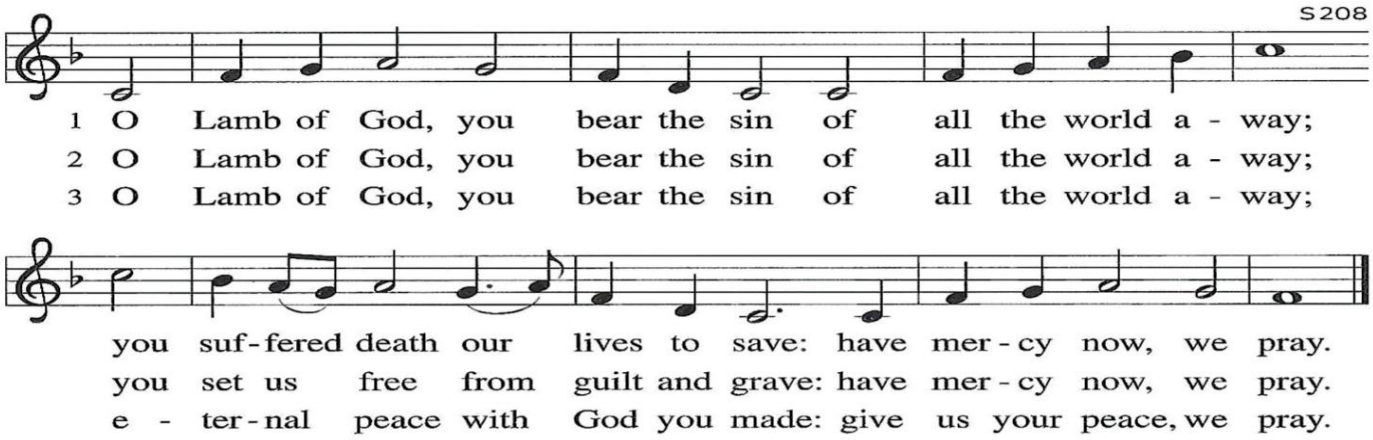
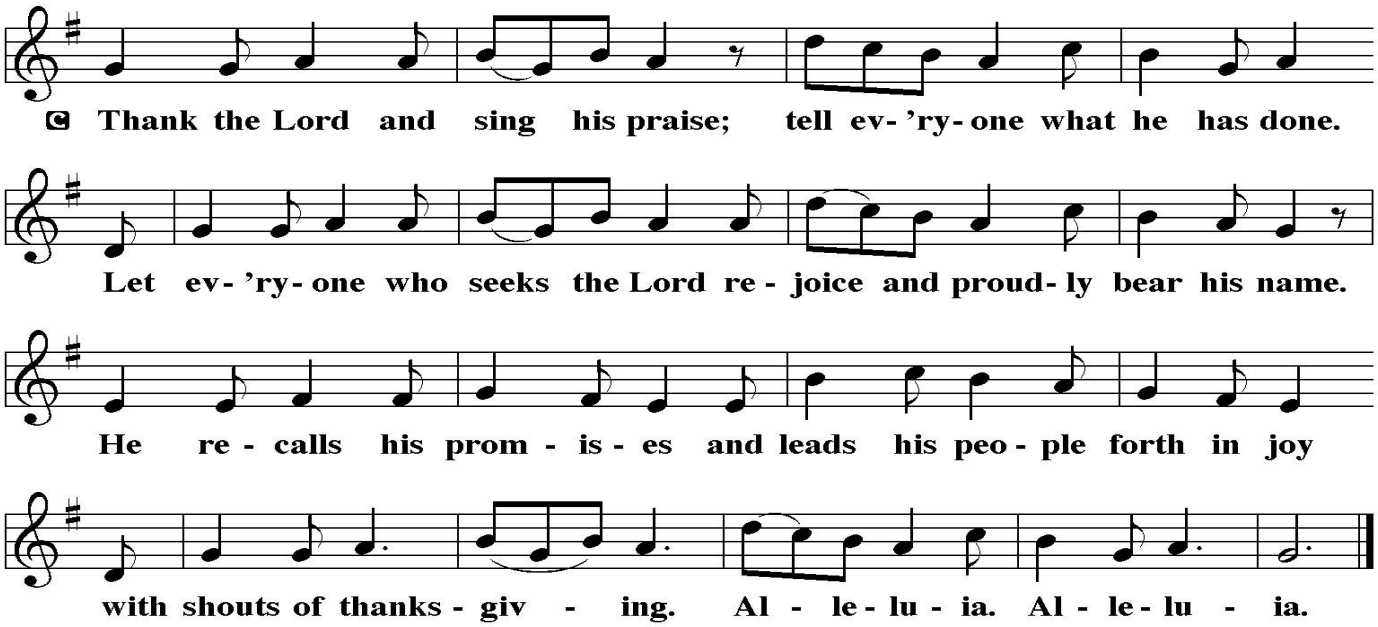
LAMB OF GOD

<u>COMMUNION HYMN</u>: "Come, Let Us Eat" ELW 491 Red Hymnal

******(Pease stand if you are able)*

<u>COMMUNION BLESSING</u>

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

<u>POST COMMUNION CANTICLE</u> "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise"



A: Let us pray.
Sustaining God,
With this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✢ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547 Red Hymnal

PRAYER

A: Let us pray together Immanuel's Congregational prayer.
C: Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for your everlasting love and enduring mercy. Continue to send your Holy Spirit to bless us, to watch over us and to guide us in all that we do so that we grow in our love for you, our love for each other and our love for those in our community. Grant us the courage to be bold in opening doors by inviting and welcoming others in our community to Immanuel, and by supporting and serving those who are struggling. Give us strength: To trust in you and to have faith and hope in your plans for your church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The congregation and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. We encourage you to continue your tithing to Immanuel. If you have a key, you may stop by & leave them in Cindi's mailbox or slip them under her door. You may also mail them to Immanuel at 726 Fuller Ave. Big Rapids, MI. Thank you to everyone who has been sending in your offerings.

~Stewardship Committee

Please join us for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today! (on 3rd Sunday of month, cake will be served for all birthdays celebrated in the month.)

SERVING IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Musician: Janet Mallett
Altar Duty: Carol Zimmerman, Phyllis Cousineau
Presiding Minister: Pastor John Brown
Worship Assistant: Lee Wolken
Greeter: Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor: Vicky Scott
Reader: Michelle Kauffold
Usher: Steve Neumann
Sound Technician: David Scott
A/V Projection Technicians: David Scott

Birthdays this week – Gunder Myran (10/13), Phyll Cousineau (10/14) and Yo Bellingar (10/16).

Happy Anniversary – Lee Wolken & Yo Bellingar (10/15)

Altar Flowers – by the Switzer's, in memory of Jerry Switzer.

Readings for October 18th:

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Tuba Bach **Sun October 11th at 4:00pm**
Office Staff Meeting **Tues October 13th at 10:30am**
Council Meeting **Tues October 13th at 12:30pm**
Worship & Music Meeting **Tues October 13th at 2:00pm**
Tuba Bach **Sat October 17th at 7:00pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

Oct 11: National Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. In 1990 the U.S. Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Mortality Prevention Act which directed the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) to create the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCCEDP) which funds 50 states, District of Columbia, 5 US territories and 11American Indian (Alaskan Native

Tribes) to provide breast and cervical cancer screenings for low income, underserved, underinsured women to receive breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services.

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues October 20th at Noon.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Manna Pantry:		**Project Starburst:**
OCTOBER	Canned carrots	Sweet potatoes
NOVEMBER	Cranberry sauce & boxed dressing	Gravy

Grade School
Kleenex, glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, pencils, sanitizer, head phones, wet wipes, erasers, and post-it notes. Also hats, gloves, mittens and sweat pants in unisex colors to fifth grade sizes.