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Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service October 18th, 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 18th, 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 today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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 "You Servants of God" ELW 825 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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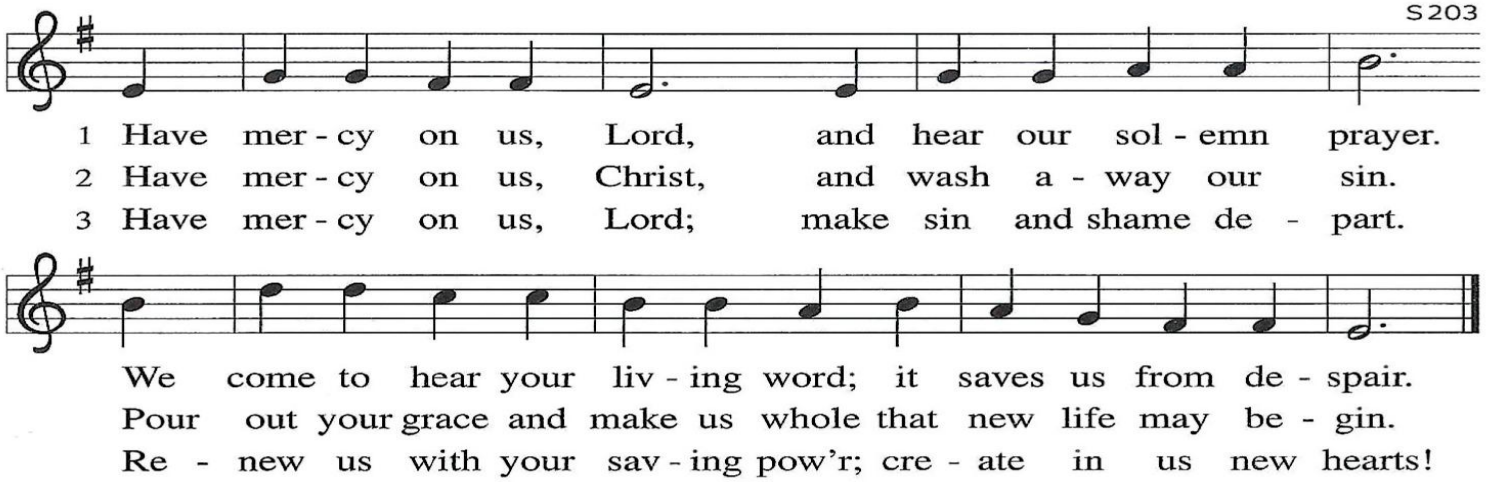

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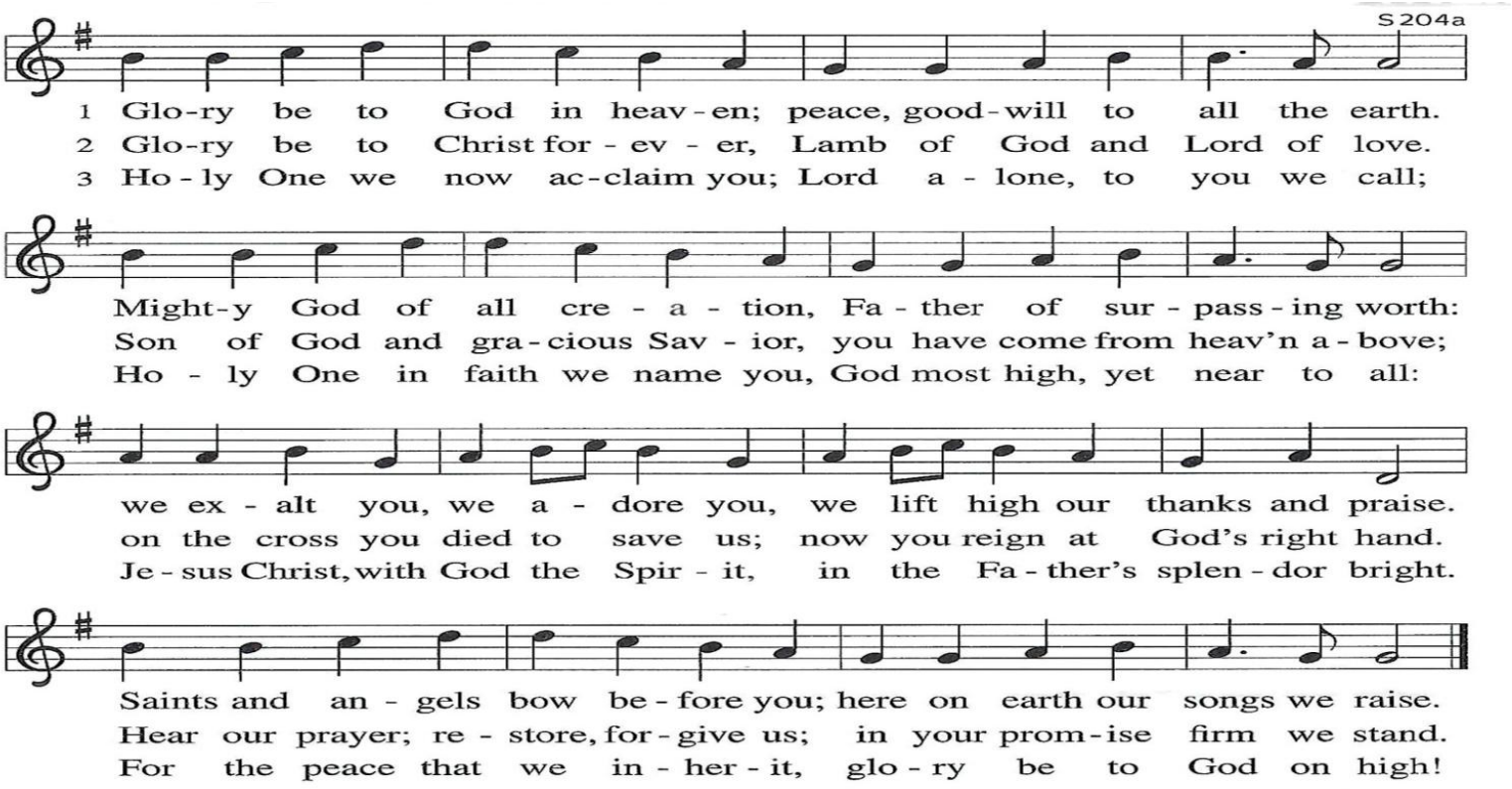


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23
12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not
let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you
have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show
me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this
nation is your people." 14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how
shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go
with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face
of the earth."17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you
have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your
glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before
you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show
mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall
see me and live." 21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall
stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I
will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you
shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 (We sing the Psalm)

1 Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
3 Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
6 Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.
9 Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
[10 Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.
13 You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

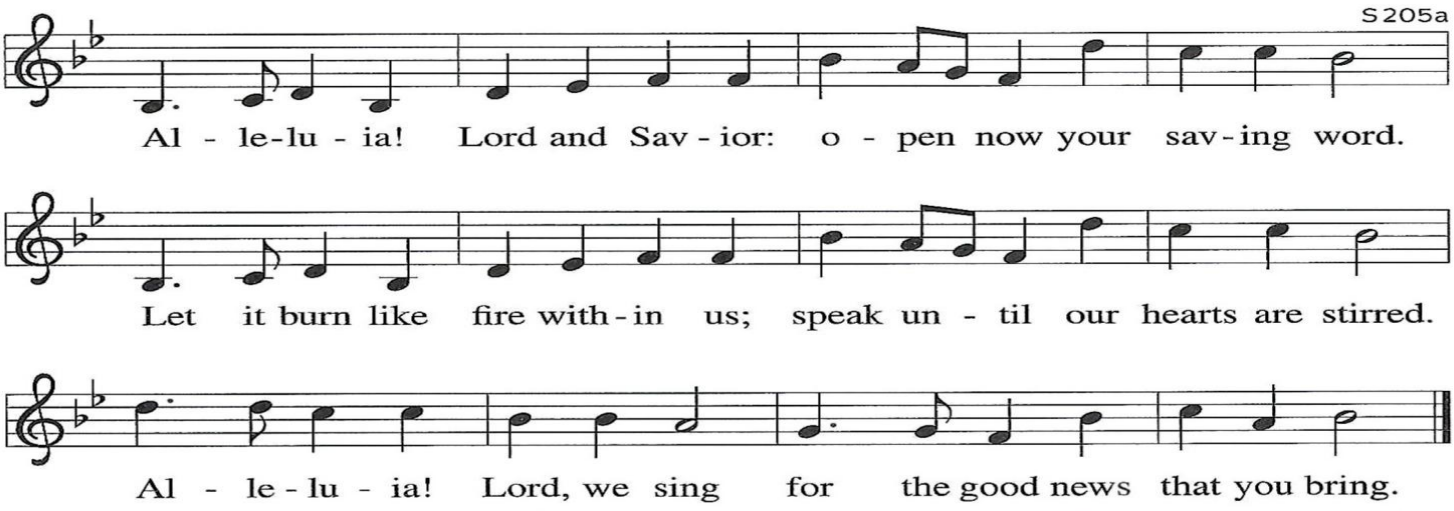
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your
sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you
received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you
not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome
we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues
us from the coming wrath.

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.

<u>GOSPEL</u>: Matthew 22:15-22

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you
do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes
to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the
test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered,
"Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and
to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left
him and went away.

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

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: *"Tricky Business"* Pastor Kristine Hahn

**(Please stand as you are able)*

<u>HYMN OF THE DAY</u> : "We Give Thee but Thine Own" ELW 686 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.

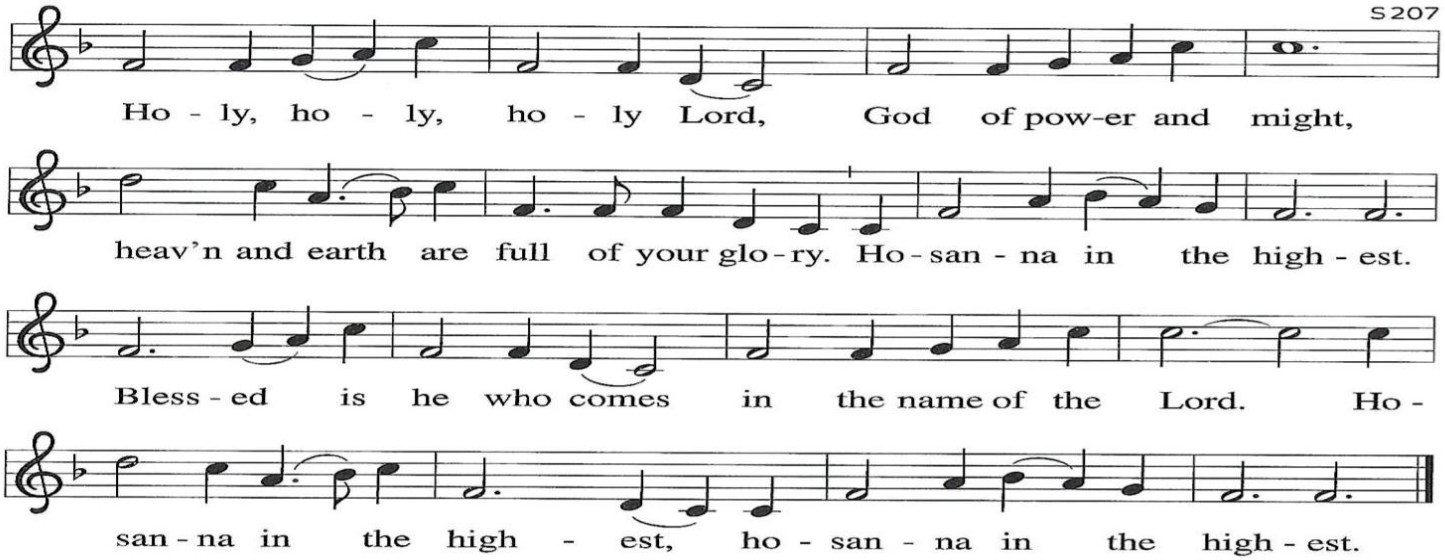
MEAL

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

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

LAMB OF GOD

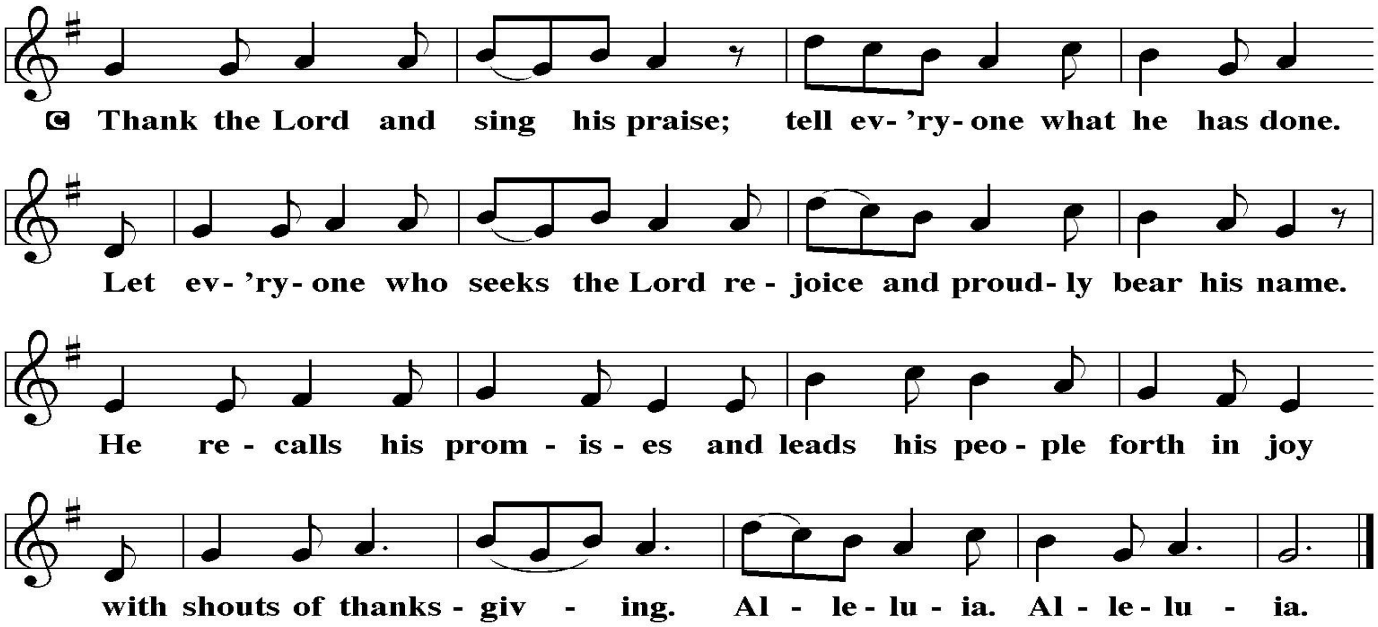
COMMUNION HYMN: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW 484 Red Hymnal

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

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705 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

	October 18th	*October 25th*
Musician:	Janet Mallett	Janet Mallett
Altar Duty:	Carol Z, Phyllis C	Carol Z, Phyllis C.
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Kristine Hahn	Pastor Devon Herrell
Worship Assistant:	Linda Obermier	Linda Greene
Greeter:	Phyllis Lindsey	Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor:	Vicky Scott	Vicky Scott
Reader:	Carol Wilson-Jungck	Linda Greene
Usher:	--NEEDED--	Linda Obermier
Sound Technician:	David Scott	David Scott
A/V Projection Tech:	David Scott	David Scott

Birthdays this week – Nancy Peters (10/21) and Jason Lindsey (10/24)

Happy Anniversary – Phil & Maggie Keating (10/22)

Altar Flowers – by The Keatings, in honor of their anniversary.

Readings for October 25th:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3: 19-28
John 8: 31-36

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Tuba Bach **Sun October 18th at 4:00pm**
Office Staff Meeting **Tues October 20th at 10:30am**
Knitting Group **Tues October 20th at noon**
Matinee Movie ("Les Miserables") **Sat October 24th at 2:00pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

Oct 18: National Infection Prevention Month. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) almost $8 billion in hospital bills could be avoided over five years and as many as 37,000 lives could be saved and 619,000 new infections prevented if community health departments and health care facilities form tight networks to quickly identify and address emerging outbreaks of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Everyone plays a role in infection prevention. 1) Wash your

hands with soap and water before eating and after using the restroom, 2) Cough or sneeze into you elbow, 3) Don't share personal items (toothbrushes, combs, towels, razors, and don't put your purse or diaper bag on the table or kitchen counter, 5) clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces regularly, 6) use safe cooing practices (cook foods long enough).

Shepherd's Hooks & Needles now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next session is **Tues November 17th at Noon.**

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Saturday Matinee: Les Miserables (1935)
Starring Fredric March & Charles Laughton
2:00 pm Free admission

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.