Immanuel LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Service October 25th, 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.

Reformation Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting #10
October 25th, 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: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 " I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815 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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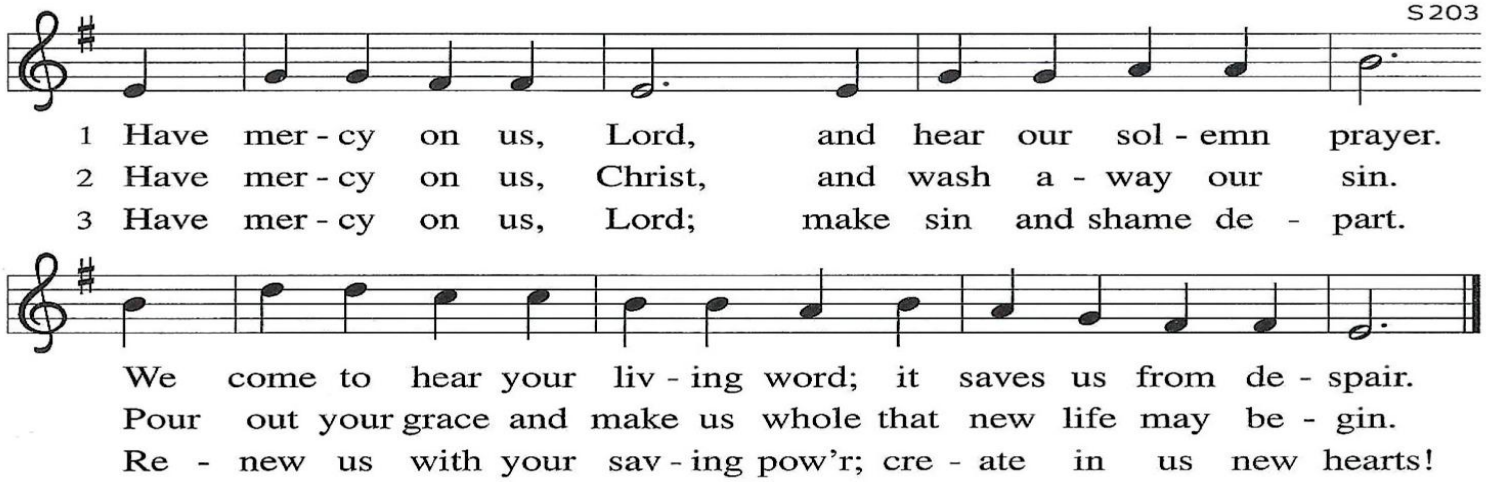

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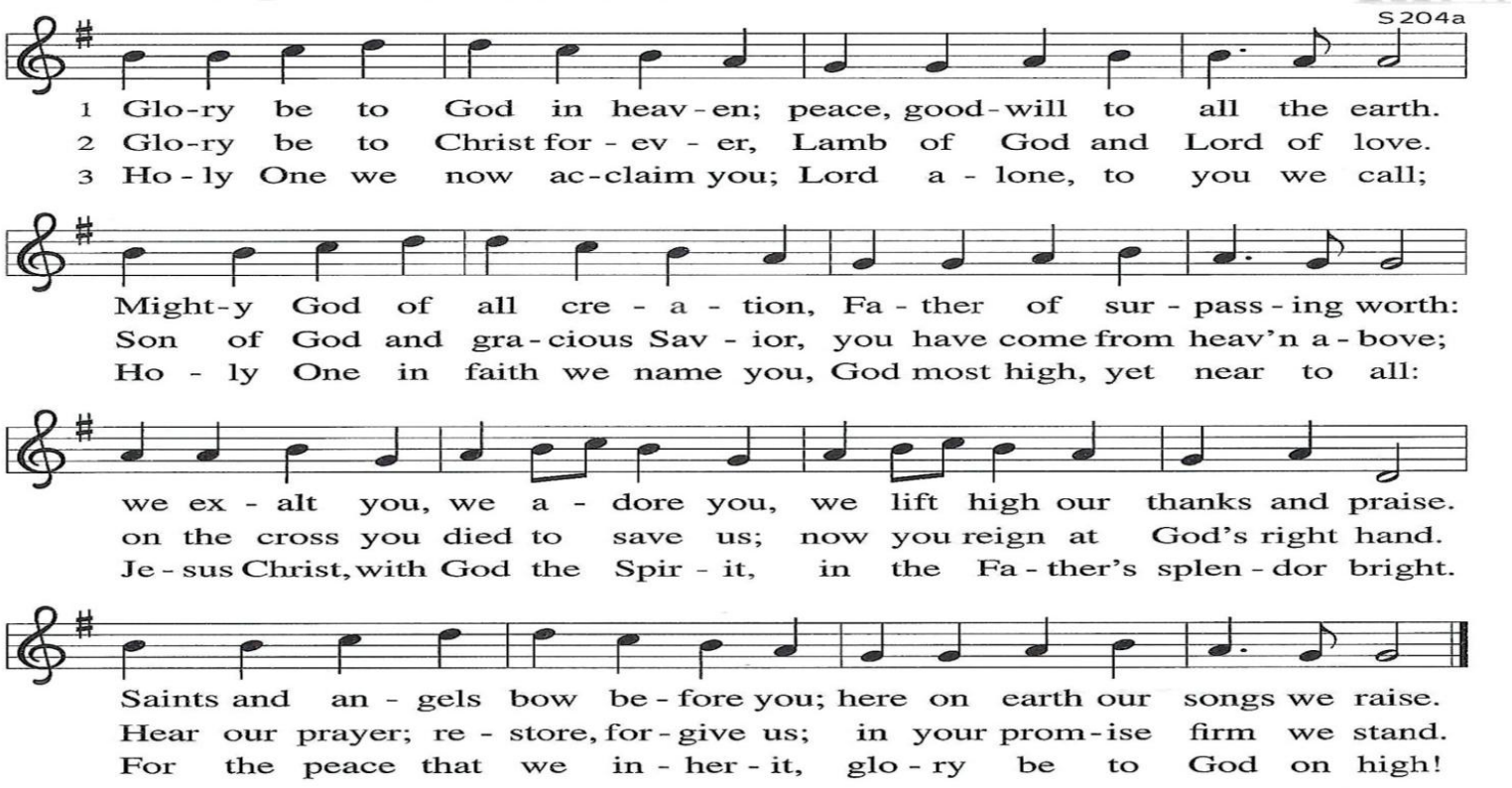


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

**(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with
their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a
covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall
be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the
LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I
will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM: Psalm 46 (We sing the Psalm)

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
7 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

10 “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
11 The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

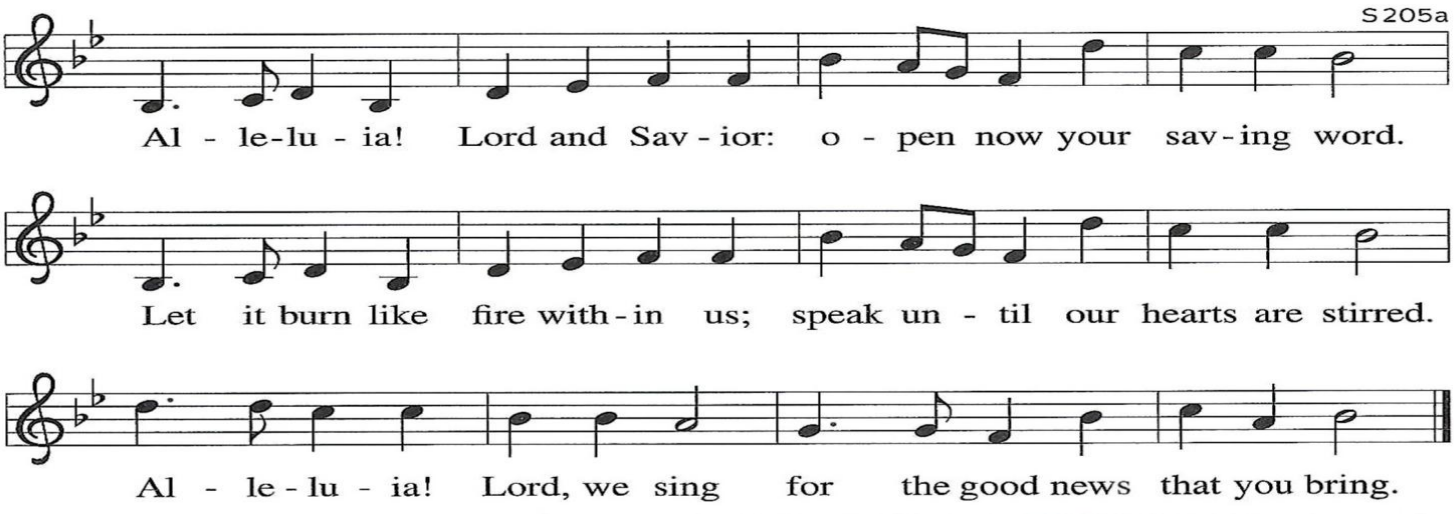
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so
that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the
law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has
been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God
through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all
have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of
atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his
righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously
committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is
righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of
boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the
law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by
the law.

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 John, Chapter 8.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly
my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They
answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.
What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I
tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent
place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free,
you will be free indeed."

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

**(Please be seated)*

SERMON: Pastor Devon Herrell

**(Please stand as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY : "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" ELW 561 Red Hymnal

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

C: APOSTLES' CREED
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)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

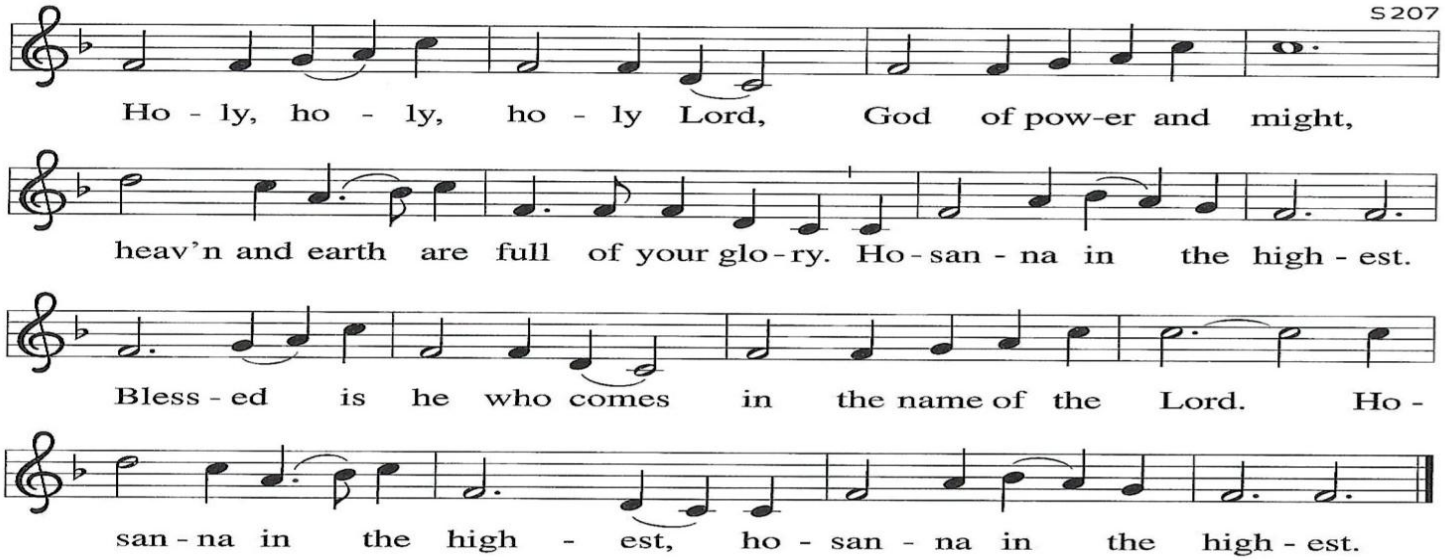
MEAL

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

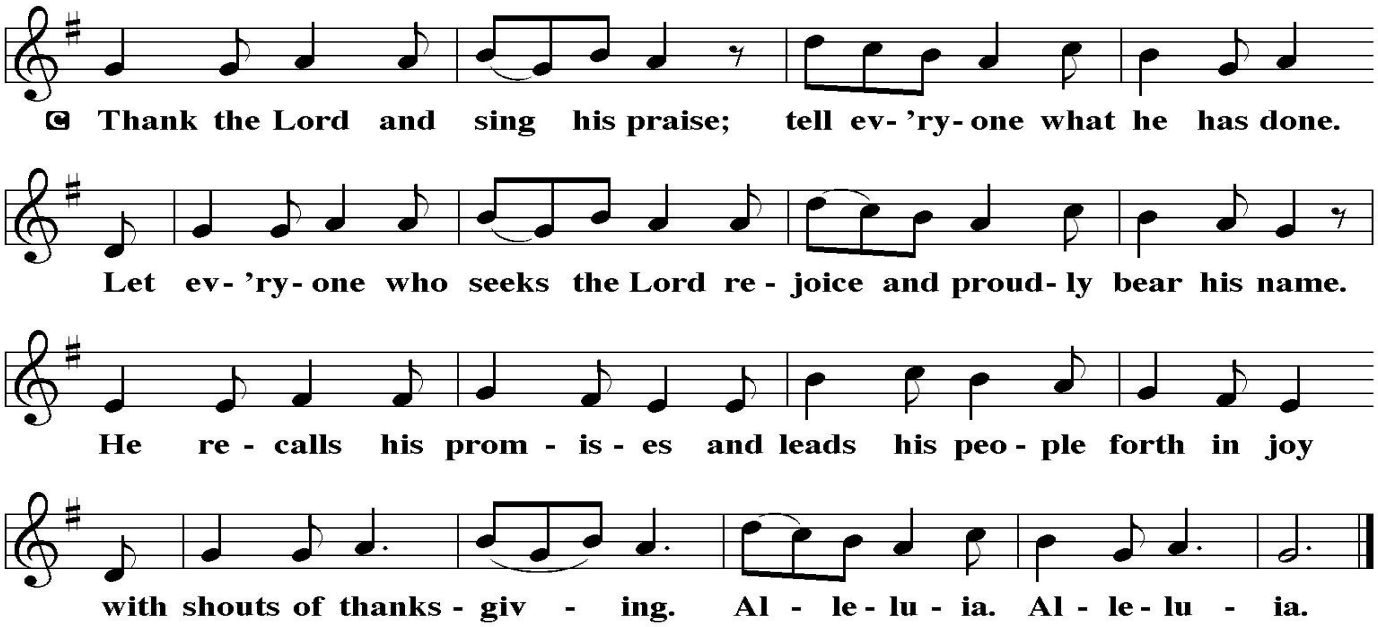
COMMUNION HYMN: "In the Singing" ELW 466 Red Hymnal

**(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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631 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 25th	*November 1st*
Musician:	Janet Mallett	Janet Mallett
Altar Duty:	Carol Z, Phyllis C	Carol Z, Phyllis C.
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Devon Herrell	Lay Leader Jim Lindsey
Worship Assistant:	Linda Greene	*NEEDED*
Greeter:	Phyllis Lindsey	Phyllis Lindsey
Cantor:	Vicky Scott	Vicky Scott
Reader:	Linda Greene	NEEDED
Usher:	Linda Obermier	NEEDED
Sound Technician:	David Scott	David Scott
A/V Projection Tech:	David Scott	David Scott

Birthdays this week – Marcy Nelson (10/25)

Happy Anniversary – None to report

Altar Flowers – by Troy & Tammy Lindsey, in honor of Jason Lindsey's 11th birthday (10/24).

Readings for November 1st – All Saints Day:

Revelation 7:9-17	**1 John 3:1-3**
Psalm 34:1-10, 22	**Matthew 5:1-12**

Upcoming In Person meetings:

Annual Meeting **Sun October 25th at 10:45am**
Office Staff Meeting **Tues October 28th at 10:30am**
Hymn Planning **Tues October 28th at 2:00pm**

Helpful Hints from Parish Nurse Phyllis Lindsey –

Oct 25: Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Down Syndrome is a congenital disease involving chromosome 21 which causes developmental and intellectual delays in a person. In the US there are 299,000 to 3 million cases per year. Evaluation and proper care usually improves the quality of live. The incidence of Down Syndrome is about 1 in 1,000 babies; those with the disease nearly always have physical and intellectual disabilities and are prone to immune function and at

risk for heart disease, leukemia, thyroid disorder, mental illness and other problems. As adults their mental abilities are similar to an 8 or 9 year old.

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

PLEASE STAY AFTER THE SERVICE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.
Annual reports are available for those who have not yet received one.