

Sermon: Saturday "Looking into Heaven" Revelation 7:9-17
Sunday "We Struggle; They Shine" (Third Article of Apostles' Creed)
Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1, 2026
Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
Okawville, Illinois 62271
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We gather on the Lord's Day knowing that "Christ being raised from the dead will never die again" (Romans 6:9). Welcome, visitors who have joined us today. If we can help in any way, please call: Church 618-243-6216 or School 618-243-6142.

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Saturday: 16 Sunday: 57
Bible Class: 9 Sunday School: no count

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer concerns to be included in our public prayers may be shared with Pastor Wood and/or the church office. Prayers may be for particular individuals or concerning wider issues. Let us pray!

- All members of Immanuel including:
  - At home – Carol Brockmann, Norbert Hasheider, Paul Lange, Deb Maschhoff, Martha Schneider, Linda Schuetz, Mike Strasburg
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members: Betty Markowski, sister of Charlotte Durham; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck; Mark Loder, brother – in- law of Pastor Wood
- All Saints' Sunday – In Memory of Lois Rabenort, Deborah Hasheider, Crystal Strasburg, Kellee Helbig, Stanley Schwankhaus, Julie Borrenpohl
- That the Lord would continue to provide for his work in this place through generous giving, willing workers, and wise stewardship
- The staff, faculty, and students of Immanuel Lutheran School
- The educational mission of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- All who work or study in West Washington County Schools
- John Trinklein, vicar in Long Beach, CA
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District, including...
  - ...all congregations, schools, and district leaders
  - ...rural and small-town congregational support
  - ...urban ministry (neighborhood renewal and Unity school) in East St. Louis
  - ...campus ministry and international student outreach at SIU-C and SIU-E
  - ...prison and jail ministry in many locations
  - ...partnership with seminary in Dominican Republic
  - ...disaster response ministry (LERT)
  - ...Advocates for Life

ALL SAINTS' DAY
Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Stand

644 The Church's One Foundation (Sunday)

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.**

Kneel/Stand

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.**

Stand

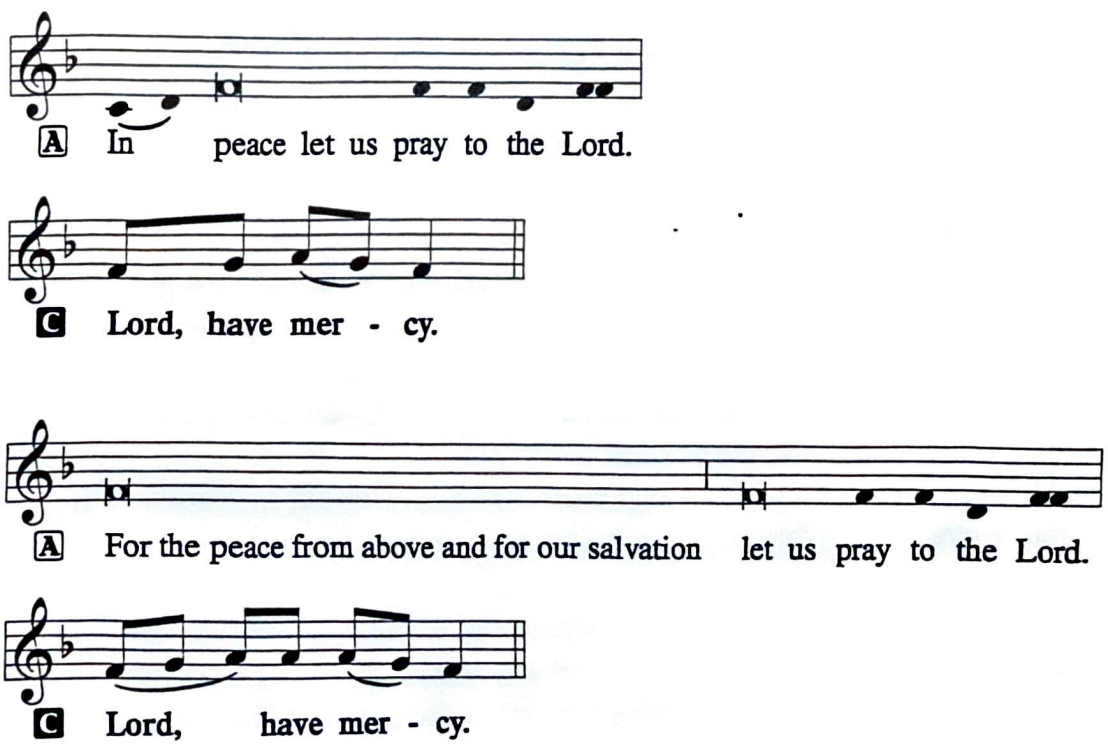
Service of the Word

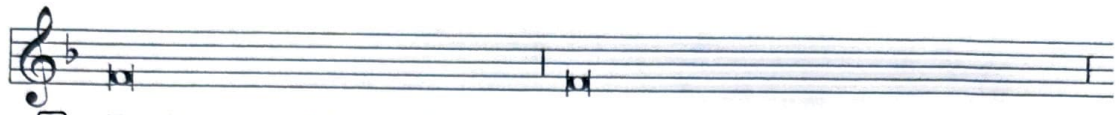
Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Kyrie





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
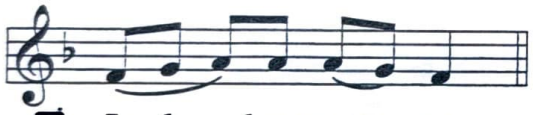


C Lord, have mer - cy.



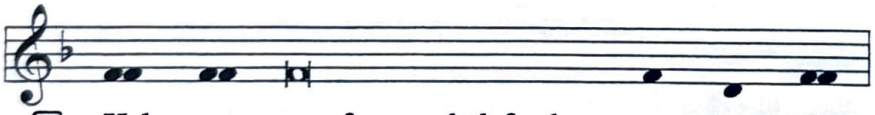
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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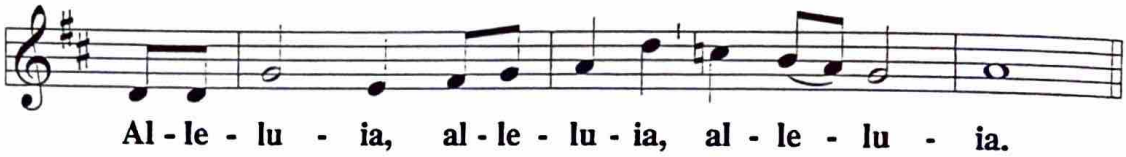


C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.





1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb_____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

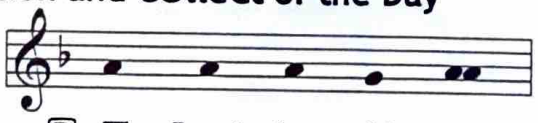


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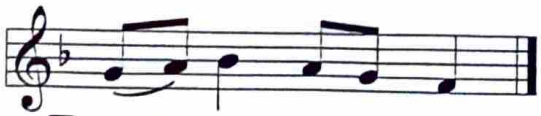


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



℗ The Lord be with you.



℄ And al - so with you.

℗ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying
out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and
the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes,
and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me,
"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.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Gradual (Saturday)

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

"Blessed Are They" (Sunday) (sung by choir)

Epistle
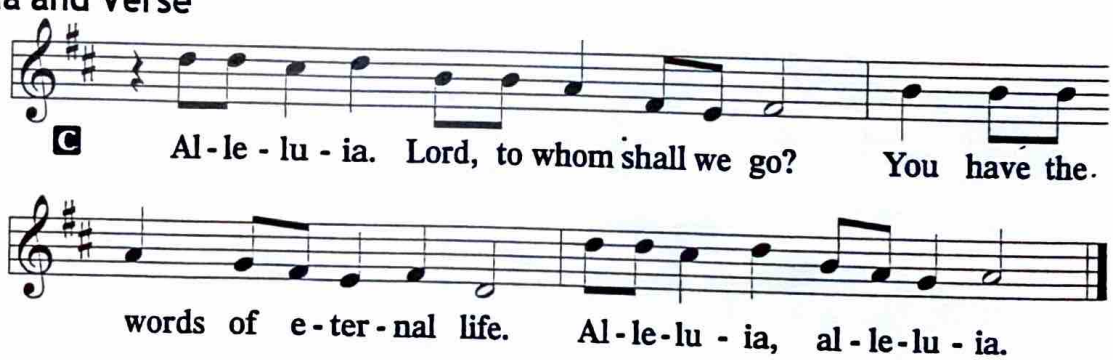
1 John 3:1–3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Stand

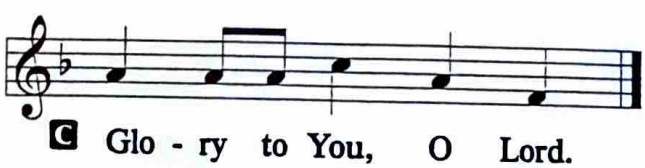
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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



[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Sit

677 For All the Saints

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Sunday "We Struggle; They Shine" Third Article of Apostles' Creed

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church
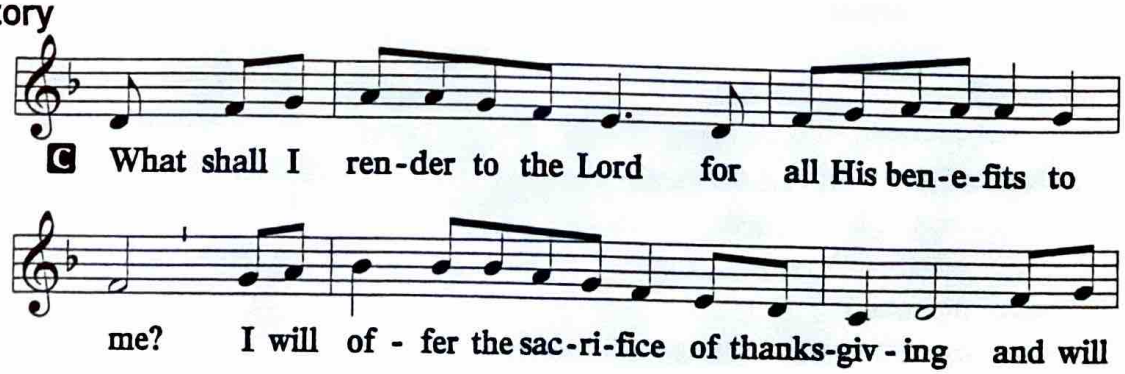
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).
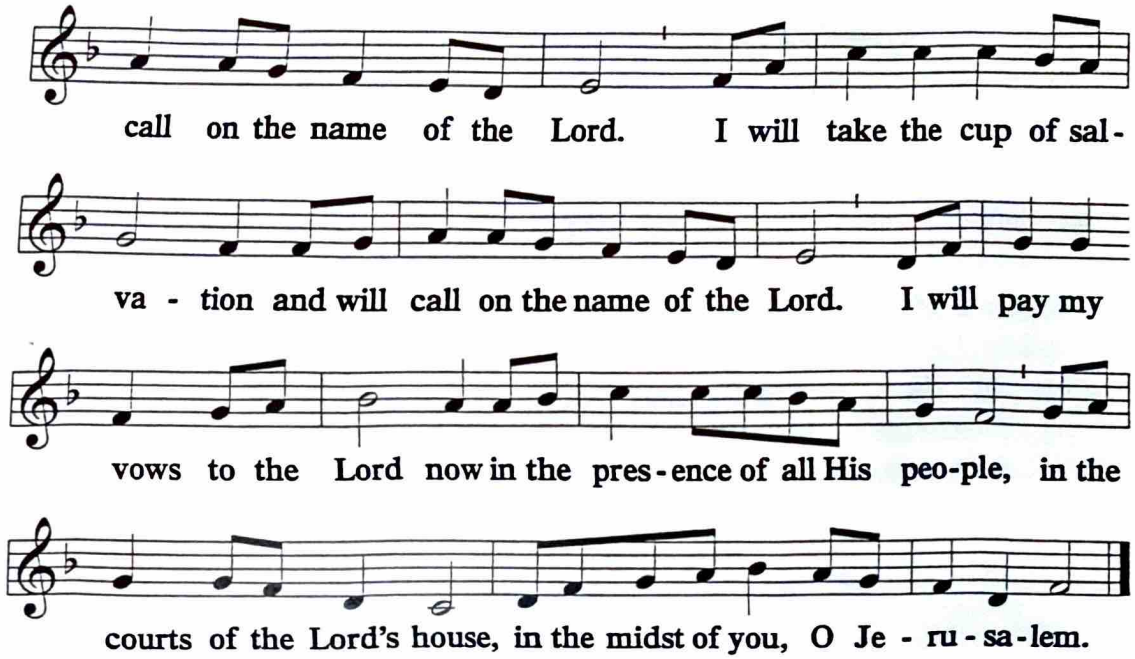
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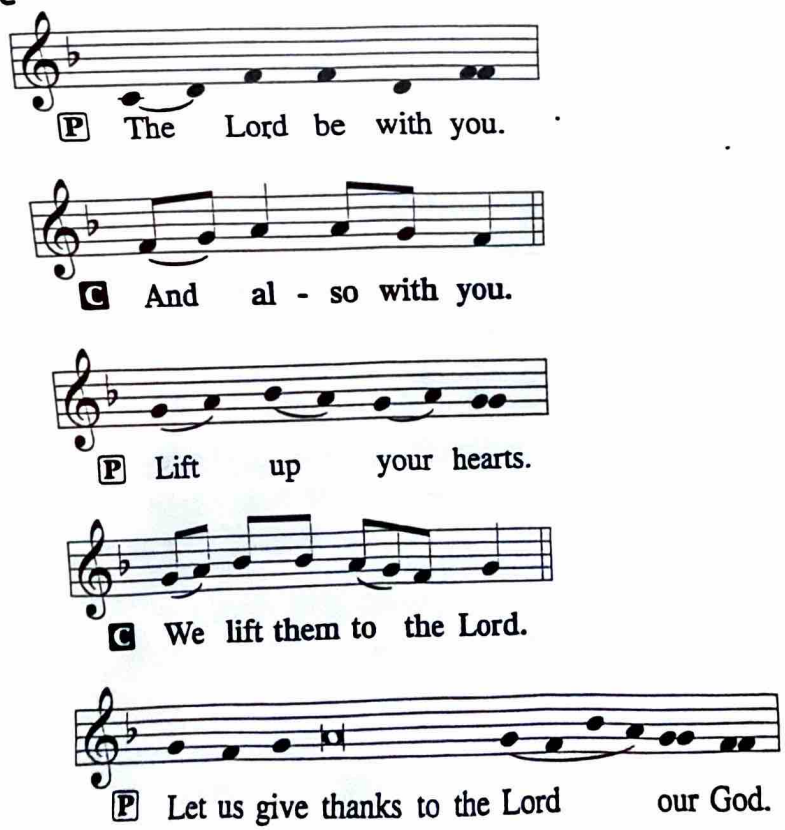
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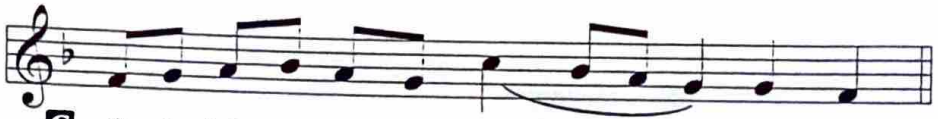




Service of the Sacrament

Preface

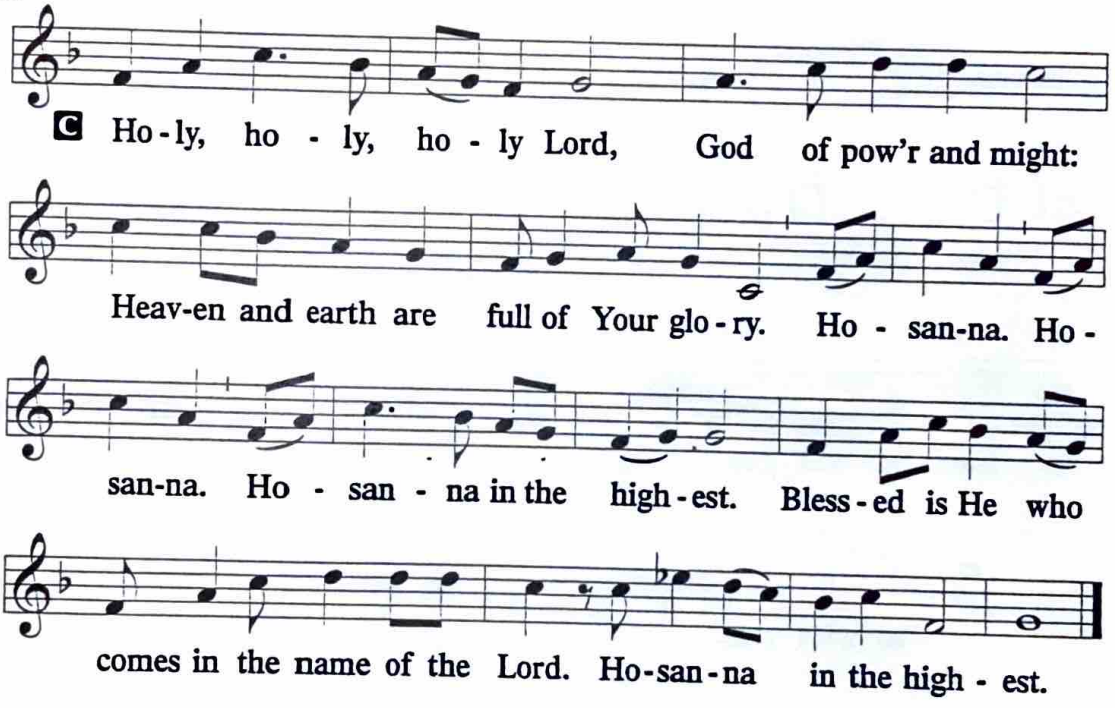




C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

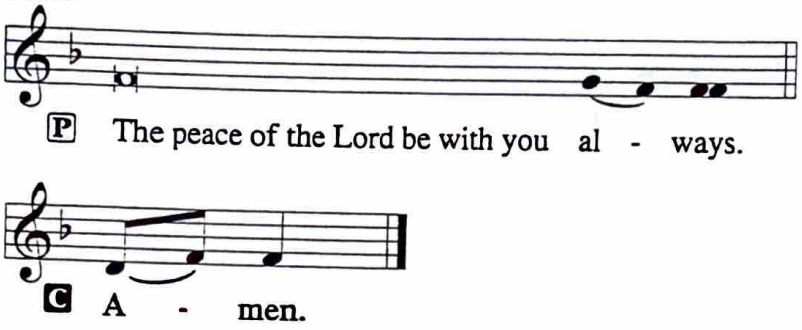
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
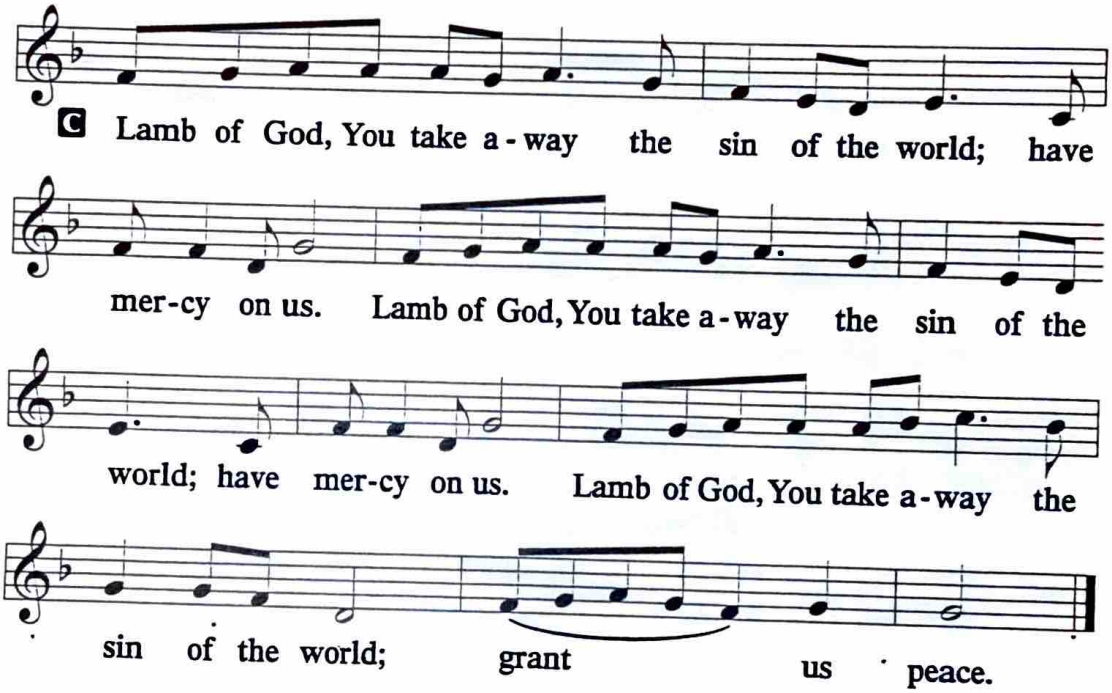
Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

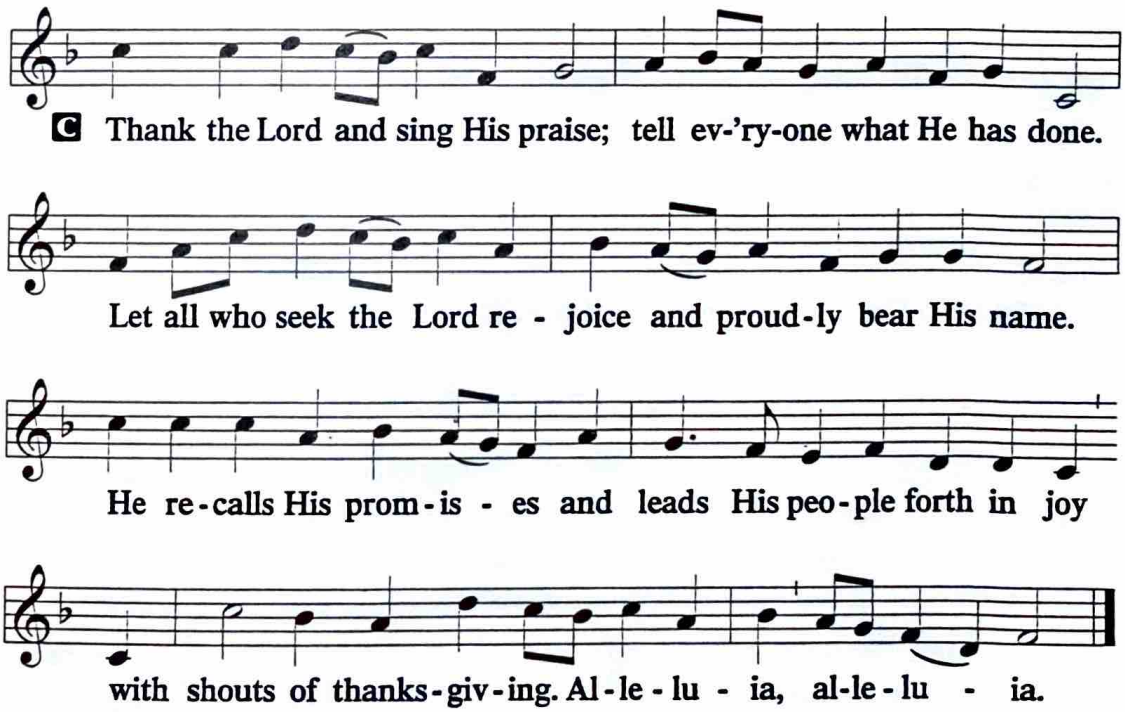
Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

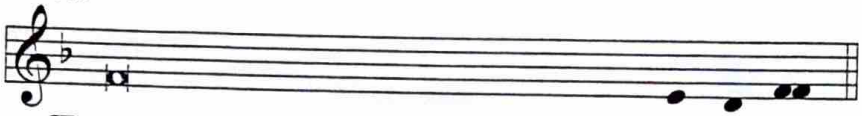
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

Benediction



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.

678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints (Sunday)

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Organist: (Sunday)	Sharon Krueger
Flutists: (Sunday)	Dylan Seaton & Emily Wood
Acolyte: (Saturday)	Coleson Hasheider
(Sunday)	Maylen Kramper
Reader: (Saturday)	Jackie Bening
(Sunday)	Angie Kampwerth
Communion Assistants (Saturday)	Dennis Pruehsner
(Sunday)	Jeff Jacobs

Birthdays 2nd Emily Horton, 3rd Taryn Sensmeyer, Sue Schwankhaus, 5th Declan Horton

November Ushers – Saturday –
Sunday –

Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.
Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. studying the Apocrypha
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Elders' Meeting this Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Chapel at 12:30 p.m. this Wednesday with Pastor Wood
Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

LWML is working on updating Immanuel's prayer circle. This is a group of women who pray for needs of our congregation members. If you are not in the circle but would like to be, or if you are in the circle and would like to be removed, please contact Emily Wood at church or at 618-713-0953. This is not limited just to LWML members, anyone can join the prayer circle!

The Finance Committee will begin working on next year's offering envelopes. Please let Malinda know if you need or want a new box. The boxes will be the same as this year. We do have some members now using EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) for their contributions. Please contact Malinda at 618-713-5008.

16th Annual Music Festival is on Sunday, November 1st at 2:30 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable program at church, with a wide variety of sounds and styles planned. You will hear singing, organ, piano, cello, flutes, various brass instruments, and more singing, by musicians of a range of ages and abilities. Most (but not all) of the music is "church music." An offering will be gathered to support Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music, based in New Minden.

Lutheran programs on Radio & TV on Sundays – 7:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. 850 AM Radio KFUO Lutheran Worship from a Lutheran church; 9:00 a.m. 104.7 FM Rev. Mueller, New Minden Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. TV Station "TCT" "Lutheran Worship." These are not a replacement for being in church and Bible class. These are for times when we are unable to attend in person.

SCHOOL NEWS

PTL Meeting on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!
Blood Drive Nov. 9th at ILS 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Veteran's Day Glow Run Nov. 10th Registration at 6:30 p.m. and Race begins at 7:30 p.m.
ILS PTL Poinsettia Fundraiser ends Nov. 10th more information and/or order forms can be found on the table in the narthex.
No School Nov. 11th Veterans' Day
Board for Parochial Education Meeting Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Key Cards

We are in the process of deactivating all key cards for the school that are not being used by past board members or teachers. If you have a key card and are not currently on a board or a teacher at this time, please drop it off in the school office or leave it on the table in the narthex so they can be picked up. We need to order additional cards but if we can collect past cards this may prevent us from having that additional expense.

COMMUNITY NOTES

68th Annual Wurstmarkt at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL is Sunday, November 1st. Serving is 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. via curbside pick-up. Carry out dinners are $15.00 and will include sausage, kraut, green beans, applesauce, cake and real mashed potatoes.

"Third-Article Adventures In Africa" Pastor Tim Mueller was recently blessed to serve for a couple of weeks as a guest instructor at the Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. You are invited to hear him report on his trip Monday evening, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (church addition) at St. John's, New Minden. Refreshments will be served.

Trinity-St. John Lutheran School PTL is hosting a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser! Wednesday, November 11, 2026 from 5:30-7:30pm open for DRIVE THRU ONLY at the gym entrance. Veterans eat FREE! Tickets can be purchased for $15.00 in the office at T-SJ. This meal includes mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, and a dessert. Address: 680 W Walnut St, Nashville, IL -- Phone: 618-327-8561

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, with tours from 2:00-4:00. Families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

GENERAL NOTES

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully, awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed from all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

Life Quotes:

"I would also like to remind you that we are part of something much bigger than a nation or a political party: the Kingdom of God. It is the eternal reign of God that shows itself in time, and it can do things we think impossible. It is the true source of justice and peace and our shelter when the storms of life are raging. No matter what happens … in the Page 6 of 6 Life Quotes 2026 • Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org • info@lutheransforlife.org • 888.364.LIFE (5433) days to come, our hope is in the true King, Jesus Christ, who works through, around, or in spite of our human institutions." Rev. Chris Wheatley – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship:

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, October 17, Sunday, October 18, Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25 were as follows: Current $820.00, EFT Home Use $1,150.00, Home Use $7,388.00, Loose $180.00.

Expenses for the week: $33,626.56

Borrowed: $10,000.00 on 06/30/26; $6,000.00 on 07/08/26; $12,000.00 on 09/14/26; $17,000.00 on 10/14/26

Thrivent Choice: Thank you to everyone who directed their "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to Immanuel. If you have not contacted Thrivent Choice recently, please call 800-847-4836 to see if Thrivent has money set aside for you to designate it to Immanuel Church, Immanuel Lutheran School, or another designation of your choice. Money is available through the Thrivent Choice Program. This is not a donation coming out of your investment.

Kroger, Casey's and Box Tops will give cash back bonuses to our school. Check them out online or in store for more information.

Reminder: Bunker's Restaurant (Golf Course) will give 10% to Immanuel Lutheran Church if you show your bulletin from church when eating on Sundays. Thank you for your support!

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November
9th 2026
1 pm-6 pm

At Immanuel Lutheran School, hosted by VFW Post 5596 and Immanuel Lutheran School

Immanuel Lutheran School, 606 S. Hanover St., Okawville IL.