



Sermon: "A Vision of Comfort" Revelation 1:9-17  
Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, 2025  
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: 15 Sunday: 55 Bible Class: 11 Sunday School: 5

## 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 – Adeline Blumhorst, Bill Durham, Norbert Hasheider, Kellee Helbig, Janet Lange, Linda Schuetz, Jackie Schwankhaus, Stanley Schwankhaus, Crystal Strasburg, Mike Strasburg
  - At St. Elizabeth's Hospital – Gary Bergmann
  - At Brightly in Mascoutah – Leonard Hemminghaus
  - Evercare of Breese – Lois Rabenort
  - At Bethesda Gardens in Loveland, Colorado – Carol Wennemann
- Non-members with health concerns: Lisa Arbogast-Eilers, an ILS graduate; Crystal Hasheider, wife of Matt Hasheider; JoAnn Hermeling, aunt of Jennifer Seaton; Bonnie Johnson, sister of Sharon Krueger; ILS Kindergarten teacher, Jody Liszewski; Tim Schnitker, son-in-law of Sharon Storck.
- Baptism of Beckett Nolen Harre, son of Paige and Payten Harre on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoyleton
- All Saints' Sunday – In Memory of Verdell Unverfehrt, Loraine Schneider, Gloria Eggemann, Bernice Hemminghaus, Linda Frederking
- 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
- Reverend Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores, serving in Chile
- The mission work of the Southern Illinois District

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

## Order of Service - Divine Service Setting One

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677 For All the Saints (stanzas 1 - 6) (Sunday)

### Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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

### Psalm

*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;**

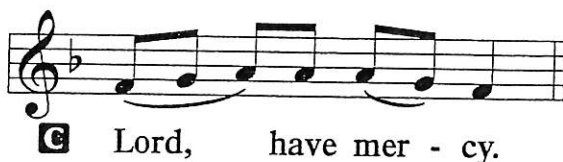
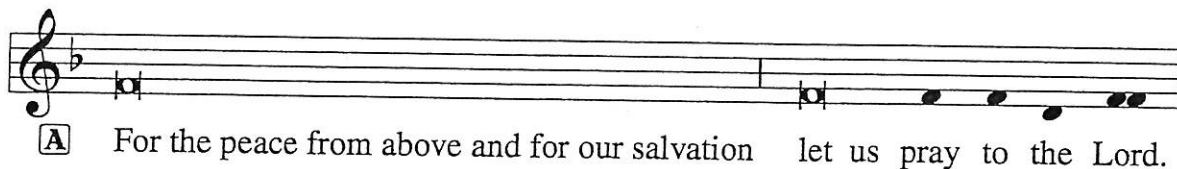
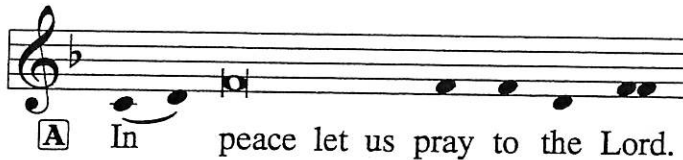
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

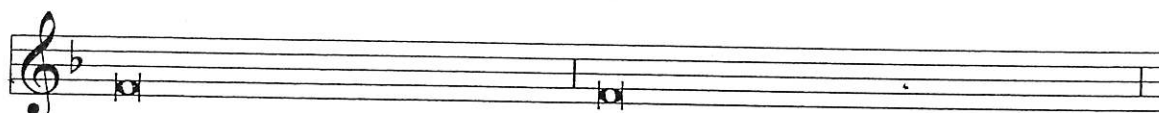
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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





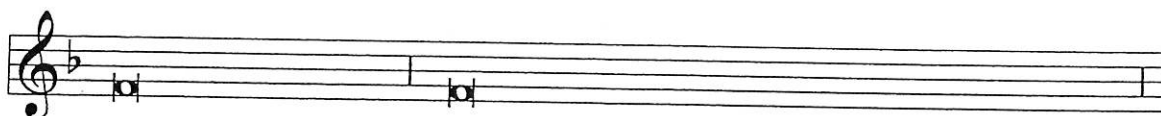
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



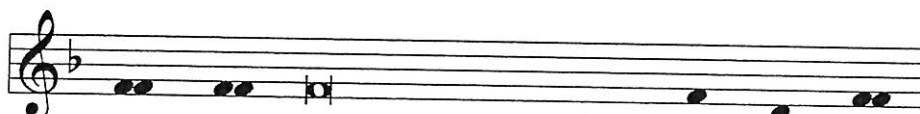
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.



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



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*

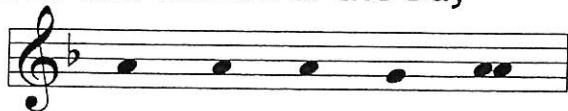


*Final Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.



**P** 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

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>"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.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*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.

## Epistle

**1 John 3:1–3**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.

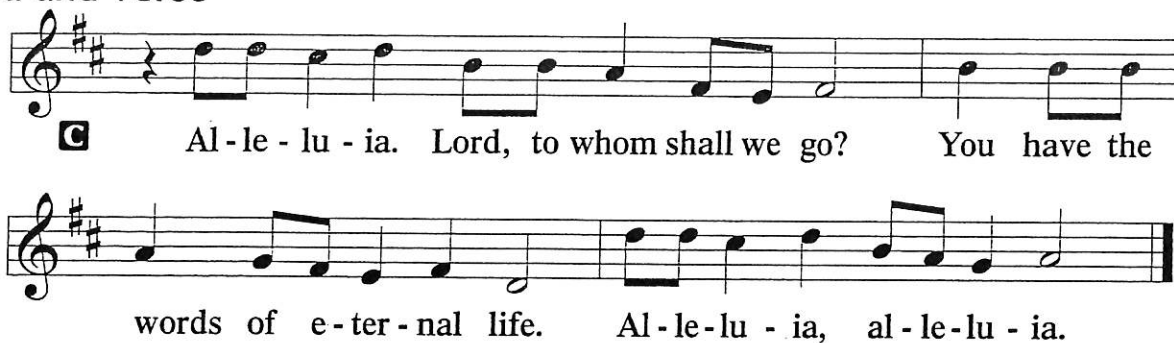
<sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

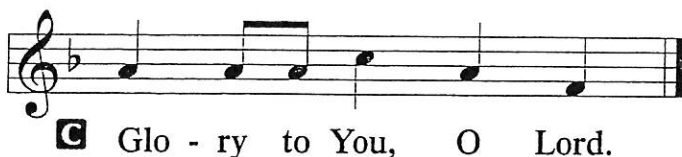


**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:1–12**

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

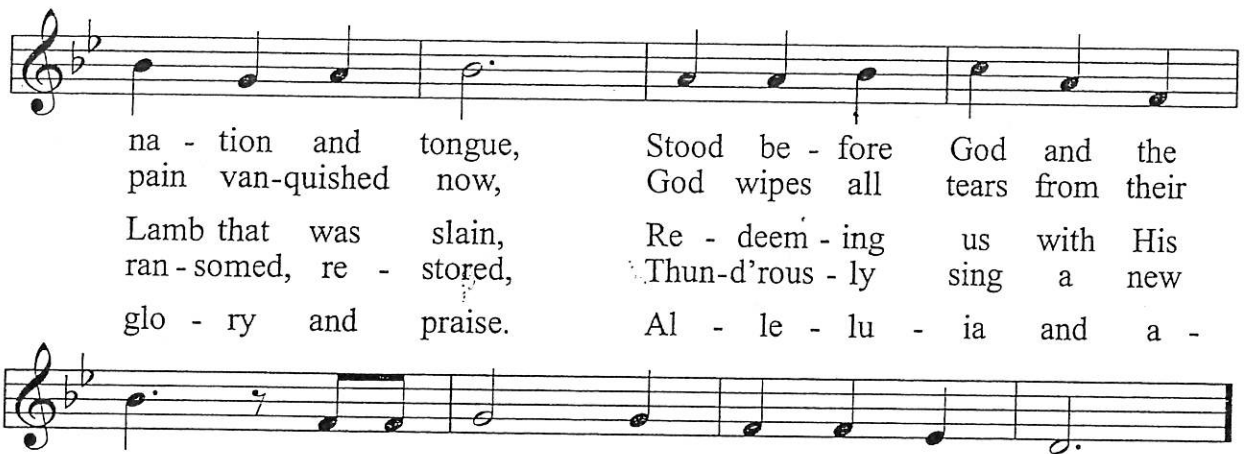
<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.







Lamb At the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Stanza 2*  
 eyes By the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*  
 blood In the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Stanza 4*  
 song Of the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*  
 men! For the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

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## Sermon "A Vision of Comfort"

Revelation 7:9-17

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ 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).*

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

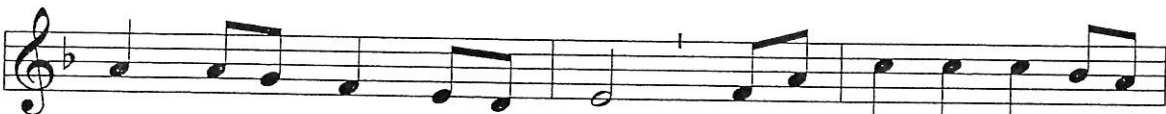
### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



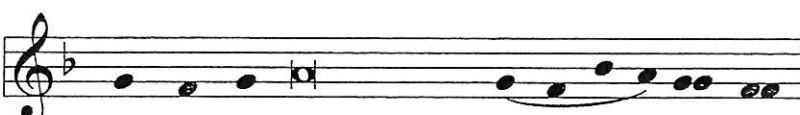
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



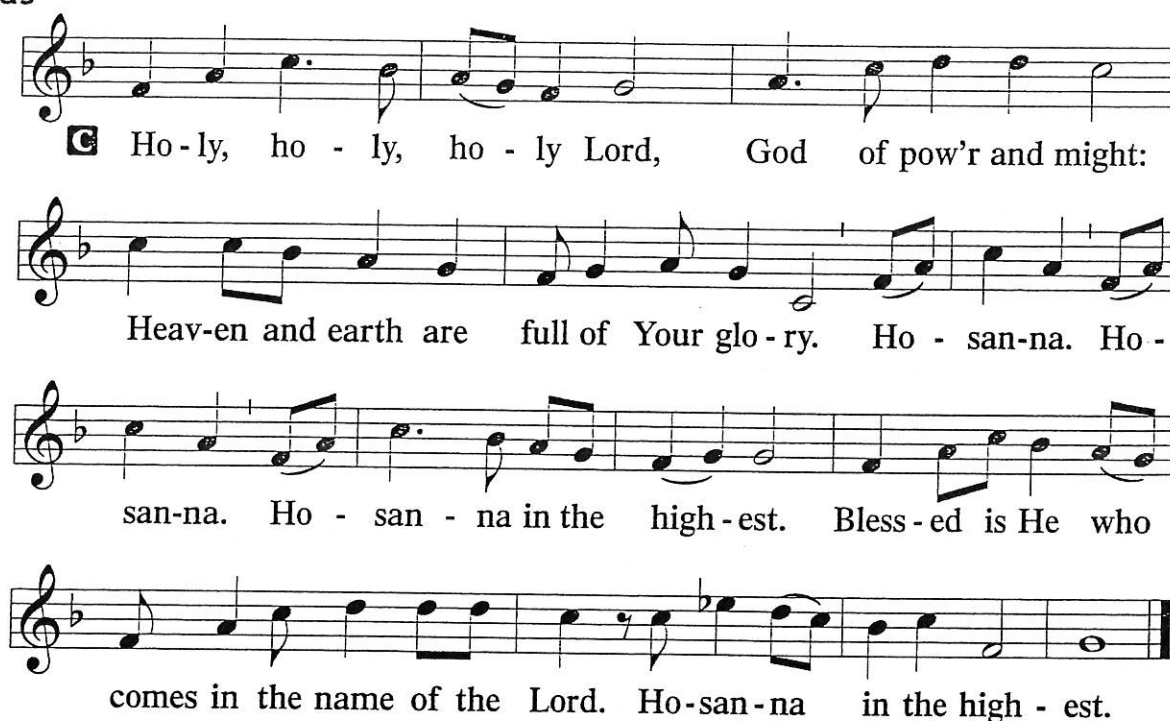
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### 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.

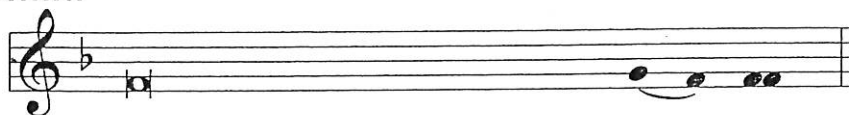
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final 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



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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.**

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

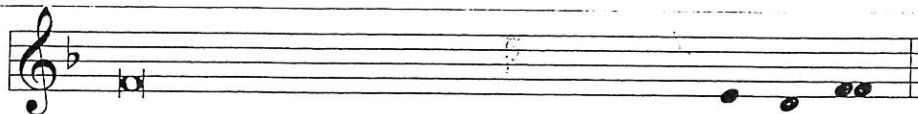
Post-Communion Collect

**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.



## 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.



## 677 For All the Saints (stanzas 7 - 8) (Sunday)

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Donna Davis  
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**Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Horton. 3<sup>rd</sup> Taryn Sensmeyer, Sue Schwankhaus,  
5<sup>th</sup> Declan Horton

**November Ushers** – Saturday –  
Sunday –

**Saturday service** at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday School & Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. Bible class topic is “He Shall Come Again”

**Sunday Service** at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Catechesis** is this Monday at 6:45 a.m.

**Elders’ Meeting** is this Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Chapel** at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday with Pastor Wood

**Community Bible Study** is this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the RBM golf course

**Choir practice** at 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday

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**Extra copies of the November newsletter** are available on the table in the narthex.  
Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone else.

**Lutheran Witness renewals** are due by November 21<sup>st</sup>. This year annual subscription is \$27.85. If you would like to continue your subscription or start a new one, please pick up a form from the table in the narthex and return it to the church office by the above date. Yearly subscriptions begin February 2026.

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Okawville Music Festival** will be Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Musicians will play organ & piano and a variety of wind & string instruments, and hand bells. Some will sing for you. An offering will be received for Christ Our Song Lutheran School of Music, based at St. John – New Minden. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the music.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School** will be teaming up with Lutheran Child & Family Services this year to provide Christmas gifts for Needy Children!! Names, ages, sizes, wants, and needs will be available on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Gifts need to be in the church basement by no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please contact Jeff or Laura Obermeier (314-0849 or 314-0850), Kelli Borrenpohl (977-2451), or the school office (243-6142).

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Early Dismissal** this Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:20 p.m.

**No School** on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

## GENERAL NOTES

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** The crowd around Jesus reminds us that our sinful flesh is always tempted to look upon those of small stature as those who are less worthy of Christ's love and protection (Luke 19:3-7). But Jesus reminds us that whether they are physically small (like the unborn), or if we belittle them because of their sins (like Zacchaeus), He desires His salvation to come unto every person and each house (Luke 19:9), "for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption" (Psalm 130:7).

**Life Quotes:** "We know that there will always be changes in laws and politics, and we can only change that as best as we can. The comfort that we do know is that the Father does not change like shifting shadows. In today's world, changes are swift and inevitable, but our faith and trust in our unchanging God are the comforts that sustain us!" *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Stewardship:** Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness — His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Steeleville, IL** will host their Annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store on Sunday, November 2nd at St. Mark's Lutheran School Gymnasium. An "all you can eat buffet dinner" of pork sausage, roast pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, homemade desserts, and a drink will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$15; children 12-5 \$5.00 and children 4 and under are free. See you there!!

**Ferrin Men's Club, Bethlehem Lutheran Church** is sponsoring the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Wurstmarkt on Sunday, November 2. The menu includes sausage, kraut, green beans, applesauce, cake and real mashed potatoes. A carryout is \$15.00 each and will be served 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. as drive thru only.

**Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's First Open House for prospective students** is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 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.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The offerings for Saturday, October 18, Sunday, October 19, Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26 were as follows: Current \$920.00, Home Use \$17,590.00, and Loose \$386.50

Expenses for the week: \$36,306.47

Loan Balance: \$20,000.00 (Borrowed 05/28/25), \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 06/30/25), \$10,000.00 (Borrowed on 07/14/25), and \$25,000.00 (Borrowed on 08/28/25).

#### Thrivent Choice

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 to Immanuel Lutheran 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.

**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!! RBM Golf Course