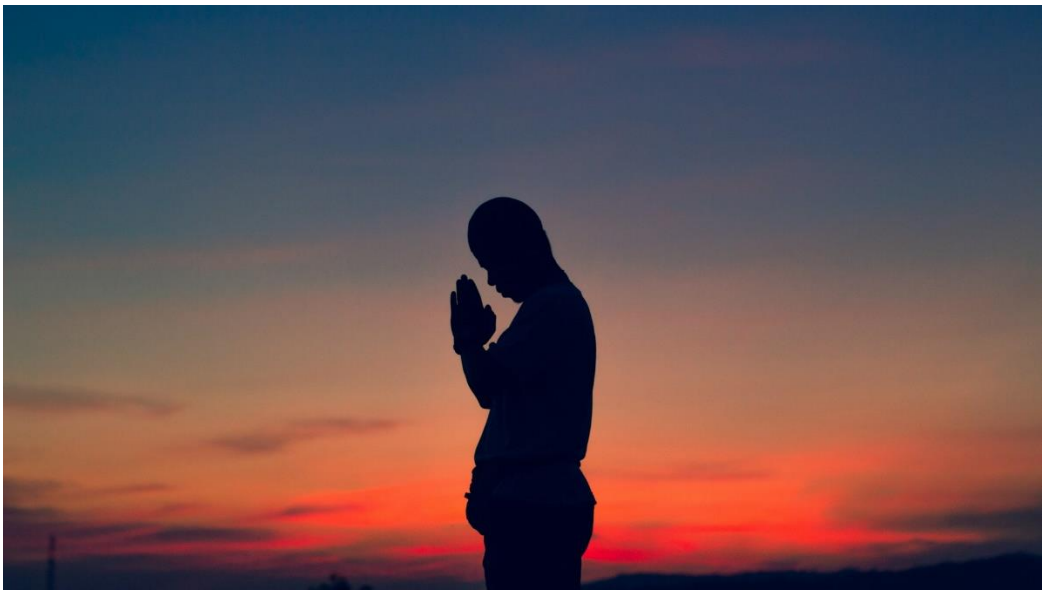
Season of Pentecost

November 15, 2026



Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Sharing in God's justice and kindness

Good morning and welcome to Immanuel

We are honored that you have chosen to spend Sunday morning with us at Immanuel. We pray that you will be renewed by this worship and reminded that God loves you just as you are. We will be sharing Holy Communion this morning. Regardless of your background, denomination, or where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to receive this meal of grace and love.

Helpful Hints for Worship

- Our worship service is recorded. If you prefer not to be included, please speak to an usher. Communion is not recorded.
- If you have trouble hearing, please note the hearing loop has been installed in the nave. The testing of the loop shows the best location to sit is in the center and the first six pews.
- Prior to the start of worship, please silence cellular phones.

Reminder: the parking lots doors will be locked 15 minutes after worship begins.

Please use the QR code if you would like to make a gift to Immanuel online.

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- Gathering –

Prelude Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

Amen.

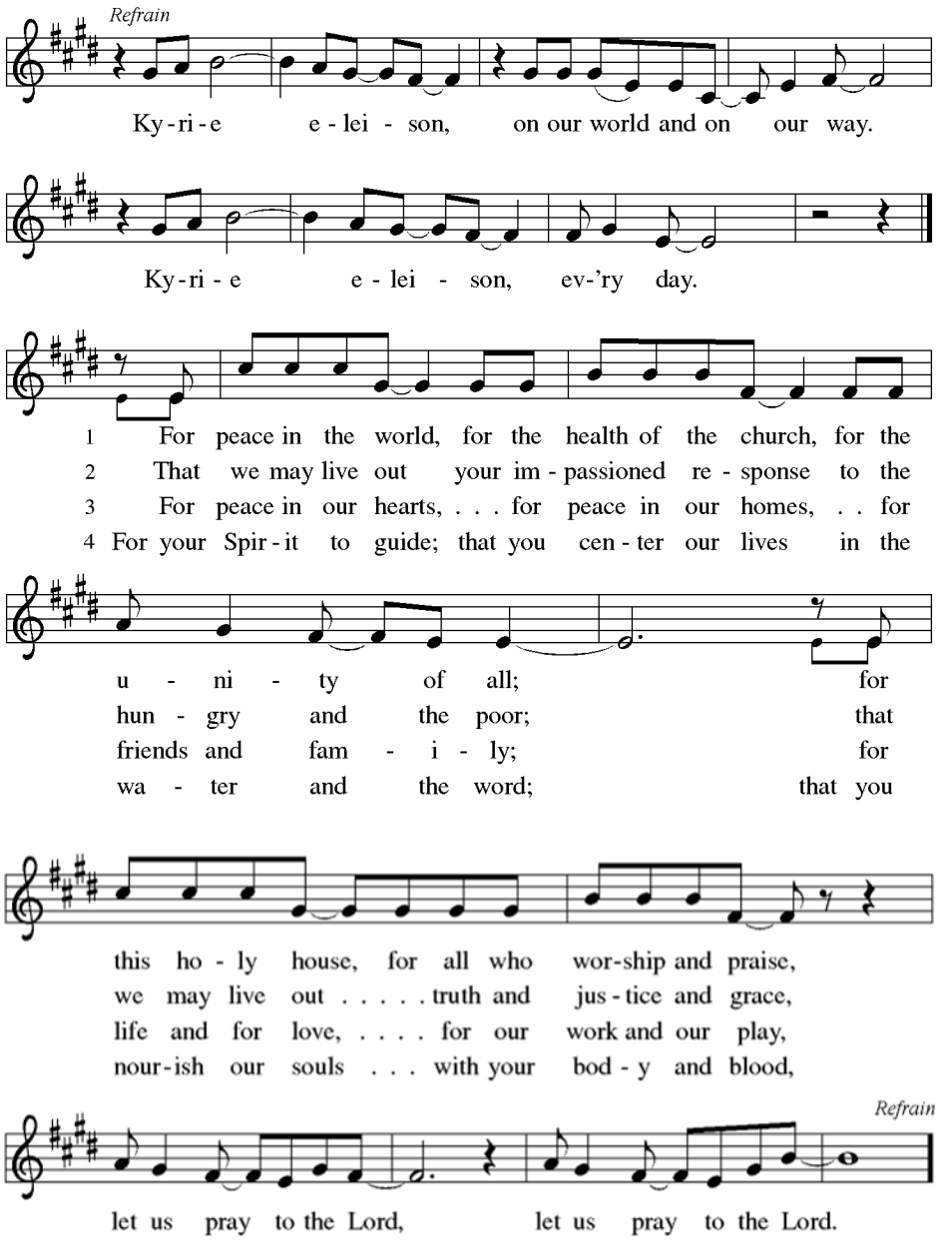
Gathering Hymn 688 *Lord of Light*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie


Refrain
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Welcome

- Word –

Children's Message

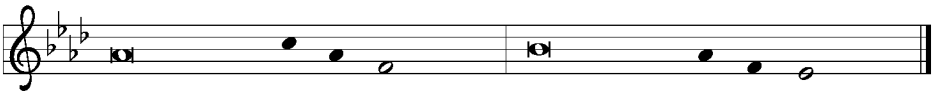
First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9*

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 *Sung responsively.*

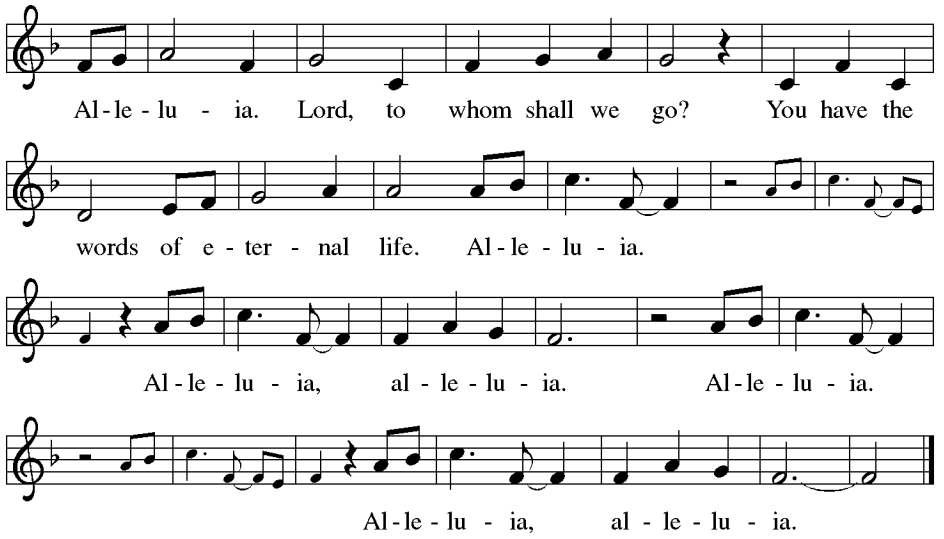


1It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
2**to herald your love | in the morning**
and your faithful- | ness at night;
3on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
4**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;**
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
5LORD, how great | are your works!
Your thoughts are | very deep.

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God!



Gospel *Matthew 6:5-15*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

5 "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and
pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others.
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your
room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you.
7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they
think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for
your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
9 "Pray, then, in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
10 May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.
14 "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
15 but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 726 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of Intercession
Each petition concludes:
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

- Meal -

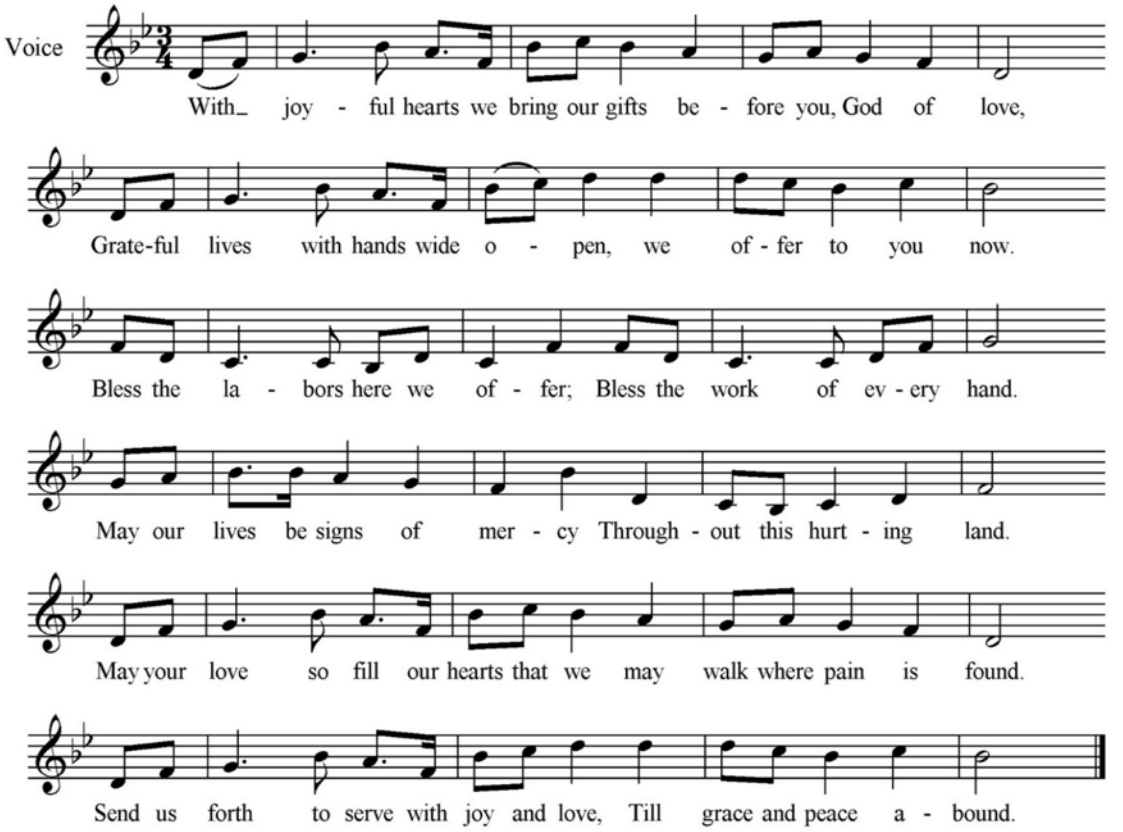
Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Anthem *Rejoice in the Lord Always* - Kenneth T. Kosche

With Joyful Hearts



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Offertory Prayer

Eternal God,

our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

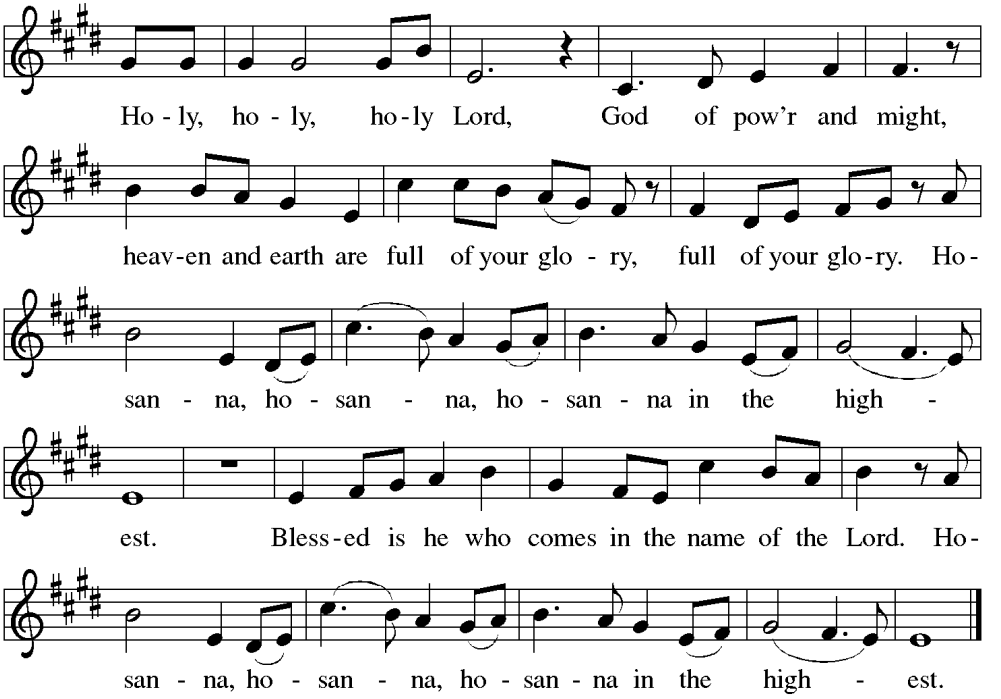
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy…



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

All are invited to share in this meal of grace and love and may come forward at the direction of the usher, then return by way of the side aisles. The bread is gluten-free. Wine is shared by pouring chalice. Pre-filled cups of grape juice are available. If you would like to receive communion or receive a prayer for healing at your seat, please inform the usher.

Hymn 678 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

- *Sending* –

Blessing

Sending Hymn 715 *Christ, Be Our Light*

Dismissal

Go in God's love, doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly in the world.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship in November…

November looks quite different depending where you live. In the southern hemisphere days are growing longer and early spring blossoms are poking their heads through the brown soil that has lain dormant throughout winter. But here in the north, things are beginning to look dull and brown as trees appear bare and our gardens are dying back for the long winter.

But in the church, things look quite different!

Today Pastor Joanne continues a mini sermon series on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' teachings about what it is to live as God's people in the world. It began with The Beatitudes, which we heard last Sunday on All Saints Day, and continues with challenging yet comforting words Jesus calls us to take with us as we live out God's love in our daily lives.

One Time Only – Sunday, November 22
Recognizing Critical Emergencies for Seniors

Join our Wellness Coordinator, Nancy O'Brien, on Sunday, November 22, after worship for a presentation focused on health and wellness. Information will be of steps to take when a medical event occurs requiring immediate action.

Thanksgiving Worship – Sunday November 22 at 3 pm

Join folks from Bethlehem and St. Martin's Lutheran Churches on **Sunday, November 22, at 3pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Plank Road. Pastor Korey Finstad and Pastor Joanne will lead a service of Holy Communion which will be followed by a pie social. Come and share this beautiful holiday with our neighbors!

Come Share in the Beautiful Season of Advent at Immanuel!

Advent will soon be here! We begin this new season Sunday, November 29, a season of hope and quiet joy! Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual ***Advent Gathering,*** Sunday, December 6. We will celebrate during worship with a joy-filled Service of Advent Lessons and Carols, followed after church with a pot-luck luncheon and afternoon of Christmas crafts and fellowship. Join in this beautiful tradition as we prepare for Christ's coming!