Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities and connecting others to Christ.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

9 a.m. Service Bulletin

Ordinary Time

Year A Lectionary

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!

WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means "God with us." Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors. Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women's Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children's Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share "God with us" with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God's Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's lessons the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like water, and the apostle Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✢ **WELCOME** Courtney Christensen, Council Member of the Day

As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.

✢ **PRELUDE** Aria J. Wayne Kerr
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✢ **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** Olive Divilbiss and Ruth Divilbiss, Acolytes

✝ Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise ELW # 831

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

✢ Apostolic Greeting

The Rev. Herman Yoos, Guest Pastor

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

ALL **And also with you.**

✢ Prayer of the Day

Pastor O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of Christ.

ALL **Provide us with the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

✢ First Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

Summary

Lector *In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community. Now, the lesson from the book of Amos in the Old Testament.*

Lector [18] Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light, [19] as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a
snake. [20] Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? [21] I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies. [22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon. [23] Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen
to the melody of your harps. [24] But let justice roll down like water and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✢ Psalm 70

Lector [1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

ALL [2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Lector [3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

ALL [4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

Lector [5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

ALL **You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.**

✢ Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Summary

Lector *In today's second lesson, we learn that some of the Thessalonians were worried that deceased Christians would be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ returns. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that ALL Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ. Now, the lesson from the first book of Thessalonians in the New Testament.*

Lector [13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we
believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with
the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we
will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

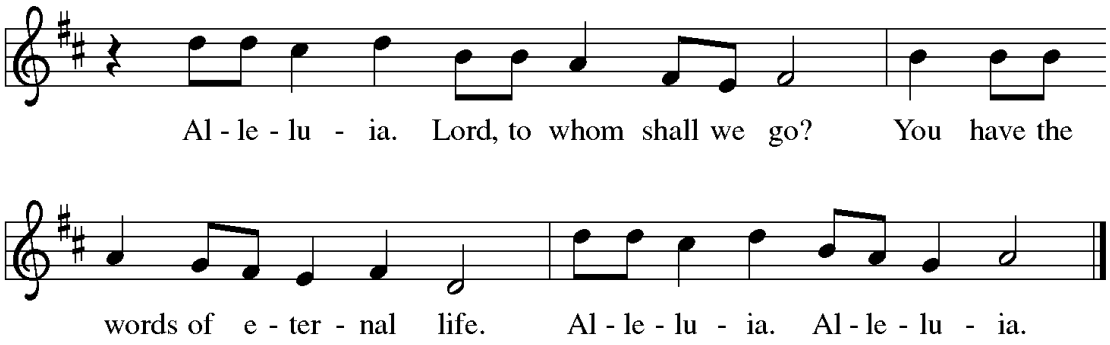
Lector Here ends the lesson.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✢ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting #3

Please stand, as you are able.



✢ Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 25th chapter.

ALL **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor Jesus said to the disciples: [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✢ Sermon

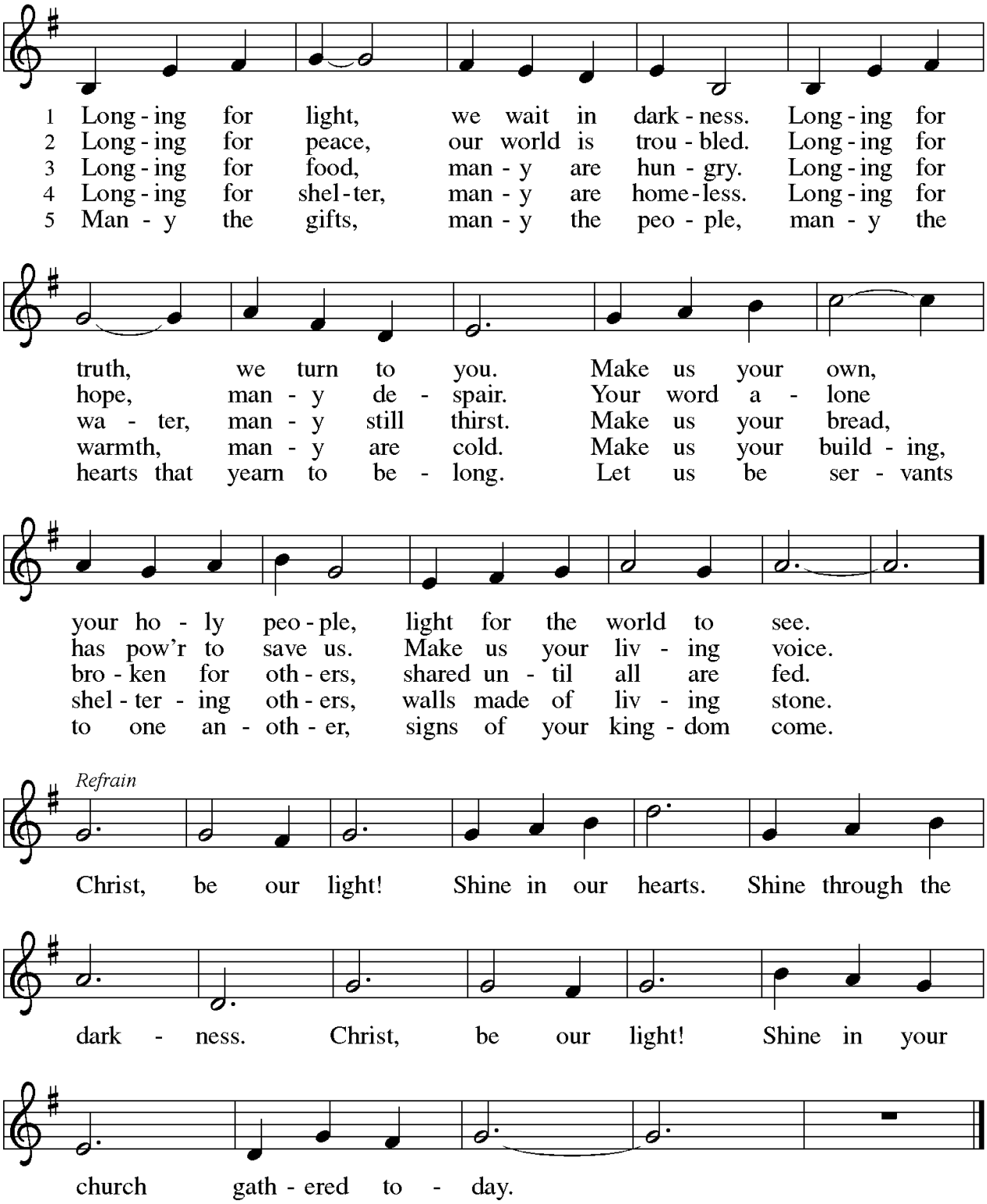
The Rev. Herman Yoos

Please be seated.

✝ HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be Our Light ELW # 715

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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✢ Nicene Creed

AM = Assisting Minister

AM Living together in joy, let us confess our faith.

ALL **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

✢ Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated or kneel.

AM United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and ALL of creation.

Silence for preparation

AM You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM You create and sustain the Earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

AM **hear our prayer.**

AM You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, physical, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Be with all in our community and the world who are oppressed. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Confession

Pastor Holy God,

ALL **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.**

✢ Absolution

Declaration of forgiveness

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

ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

✢ Announcements

Please be seated.

- **Annual Meeting -** TODAY immediately following Worship. (Nave)
- **Pastor Chris** - returns to the office tomorrow, Monday, November 9.
- **Mutual Ministry** - meeting this Tuesday, November 10 - 11 a.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)
- **LMIM** - Lutheran Men in Misson will meet this Saturday, November 14 - 9 a.m. (Old Fellowship Hall)
- **Dining Divas -** will meet at Señor Bird's Tacos + Tequila Bar this Thursday, November 12 - 6 p.m. (146 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood). Sign up on the WELCA Board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.
- **Advent Lessons and Carols -** Sunday, December 6 - 4:30 p.m. (ILC Nave) A full reception will follow the service at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. We need people to volunteer to bring food. If you can help with food, please e-mail Sue Kaufman at jakesnanna@aol.com.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✢ OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Church of God Eugene Butler

The Chancel Choir

O Church of God reach up, reach out in this darkage of fear and doubt, show us the way, the truth, the light. Let us know depth, and breadth and height. O Church of God, reach down, reach in to save all from mortal sin, unlock our hearts that we may see just what you want us all to be. O Church of God, this is your hour, this is the time to show your pow'r, Rise up, O Church begin a new, the Lord has made this day for you! O Church of God, reach up, reach out!

✢ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand, as you are able.

LASST UNS ERFRUEEN



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✢ Offertory Prayer

Pastor Eternal God,

ALL **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

Pastor The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

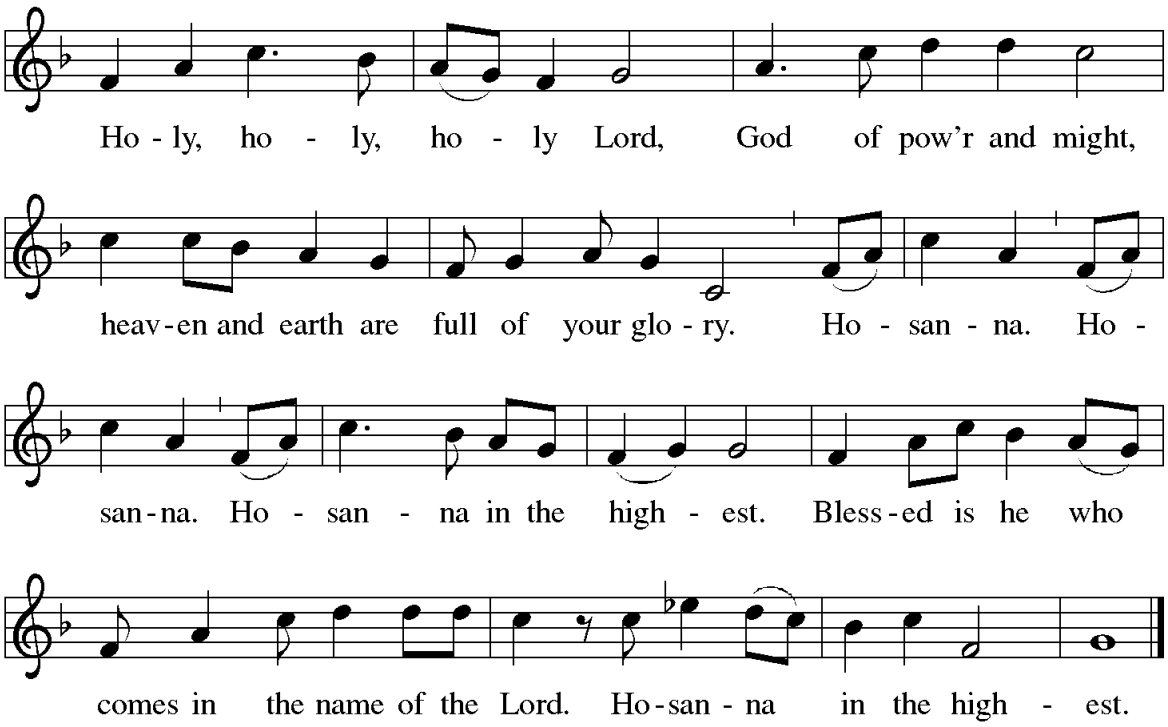
ALL **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

✢ Proper Preface

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God. Through our savior Jesus Christ 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 choirs of angels, with the church on Earth, and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



✢ SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting 3



✢ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take 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.

✢ LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

ALL **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.**

✢ Invitation to Communion

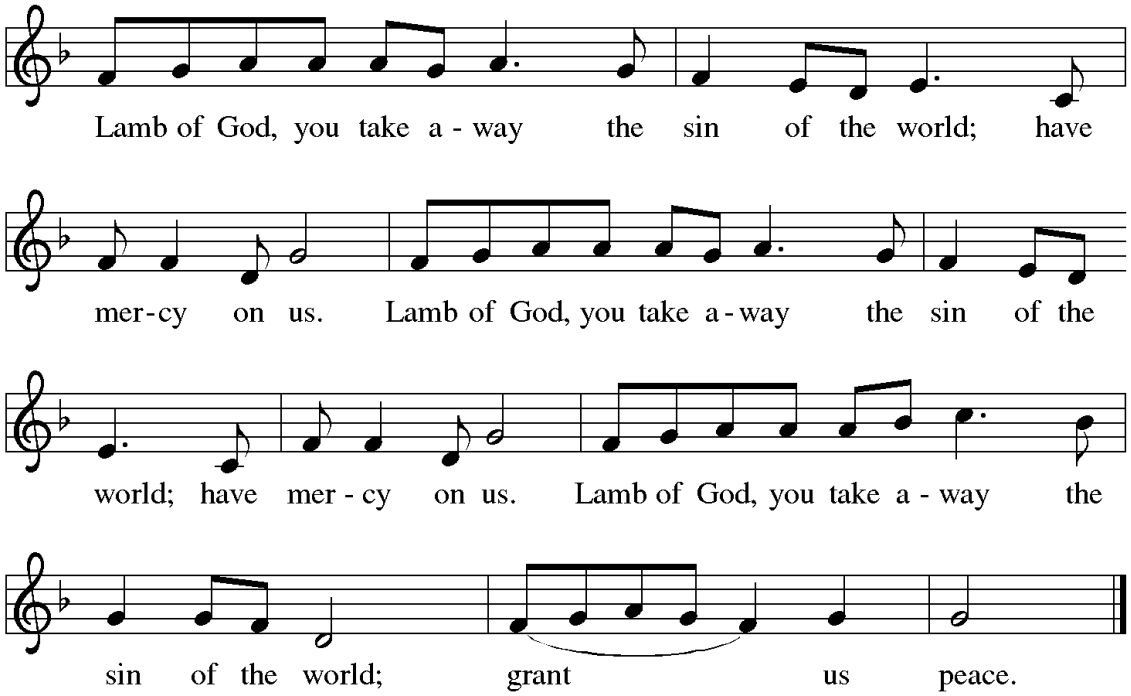
Please be seated.

Pastor In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

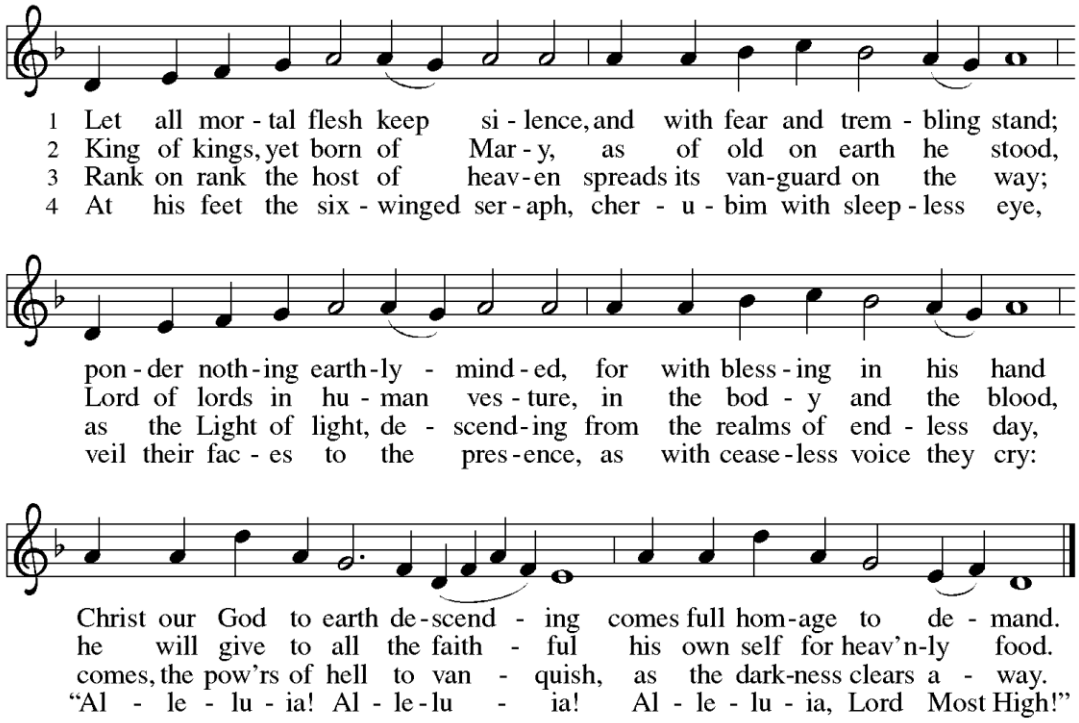
ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

✢ Agnus Dei

Lamb of God ELW Setting 3



✢ Communion Music *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ELW # 490



Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

✢ Blessing after Communion

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace!

ALL **AMEN!**

✢ Post - Communion Prayer

Pastor Holy God,

ALL **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.**

✢ Benediction

Pastor The holy Trinity, Creator, ✢ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

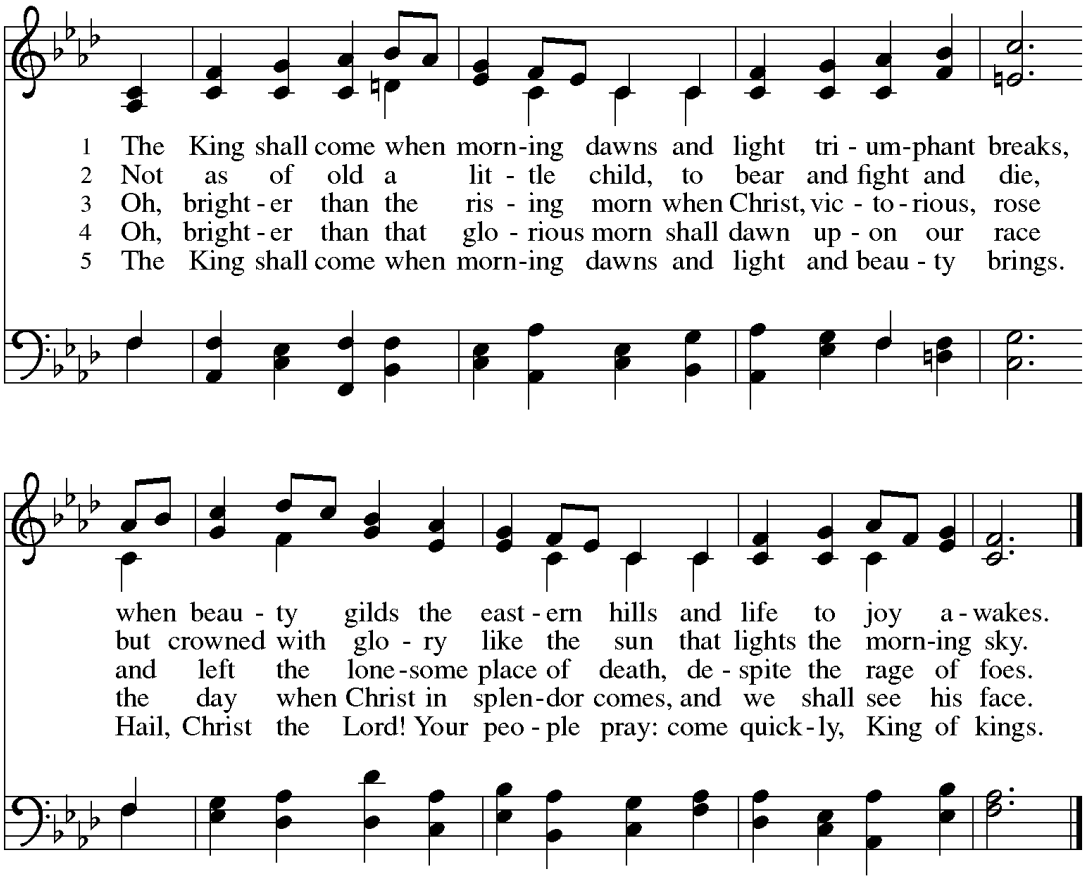
ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Dismissal

Pastor Go in peace. Encourage one another.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✢ Closing Hymn *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* ELW # 260



Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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The Annual Meeting will begin immediately following the Closing Hymn.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	Courtney Christensen
Lector / Assisting Minister	Lianne Smith
Guest Pastor	The Rev. Herman Yoos
Organist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Acolytes	Olive Divilbiss and Ruth Divilbiss
Crucifer	Nathan Shumate
Communion Assistants	Olive Divilbiss, Ruth Divilbiss, Nathan Shumate
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Ashley Starks and Larry Hammond
Altar Guild	Carl Monson
Ushers	Jean Boozer, Wayne Boozer
Counters	Cile Davis, John Davis
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

Altar flowers today are given by Vicky Crawford to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Robert Crawford.

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☩ Prayer List

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names and if anyone needs visitation.

Those in need of healing: Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, the family of Spencer Franks, Cheryl Gagné, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Anna Luna, Chandler Patterson, Steve Rice, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Grayson Brock, Bob Brock, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Latrosha Fuller, Bruce Kaufman, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Juan Luna, Nancy Nash, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and

Those in the military: Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and the families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: Helen Beach Harrell, Annette Holbrock, and Mary Pueschel.

THIS WEEK AT ILC

Sunday, November 8

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)
10 a.m. Annual Meeting (Nave)
4:30 p.m. Worship

Tuesday, November 10

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)
11 a.m. - Mutual Ministry meeting (McCombs Room)
1 p.m. Weekly Bible Study (Old Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 11 Happy Veterans Day!

9 a.m. God's Gardeners
For questions or interest in joining, please contact Sue Frantz. (sfrantz1551@gmail.com)

Thursday, November 12

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry (Welcome Center)
5 p.m. - Handbell Choir practice (Immanuel's Bell Room)
6 p.m. - Dining Divas - Señor Bird's Tacos + Tequila Bar, 146 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood
6 p.m. - Immanuel's Chancel Choir and Resurrection's Parish Choir Practice
(Resurrection, Emmaus Hall)

Saturday, November 14

9 a.m. LMIM (Old Fellowship Hall)
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Boyter's Driving School (Fellowship Center)

Please make sure you are registered to receive Immanuel's electronic communications and weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code.
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