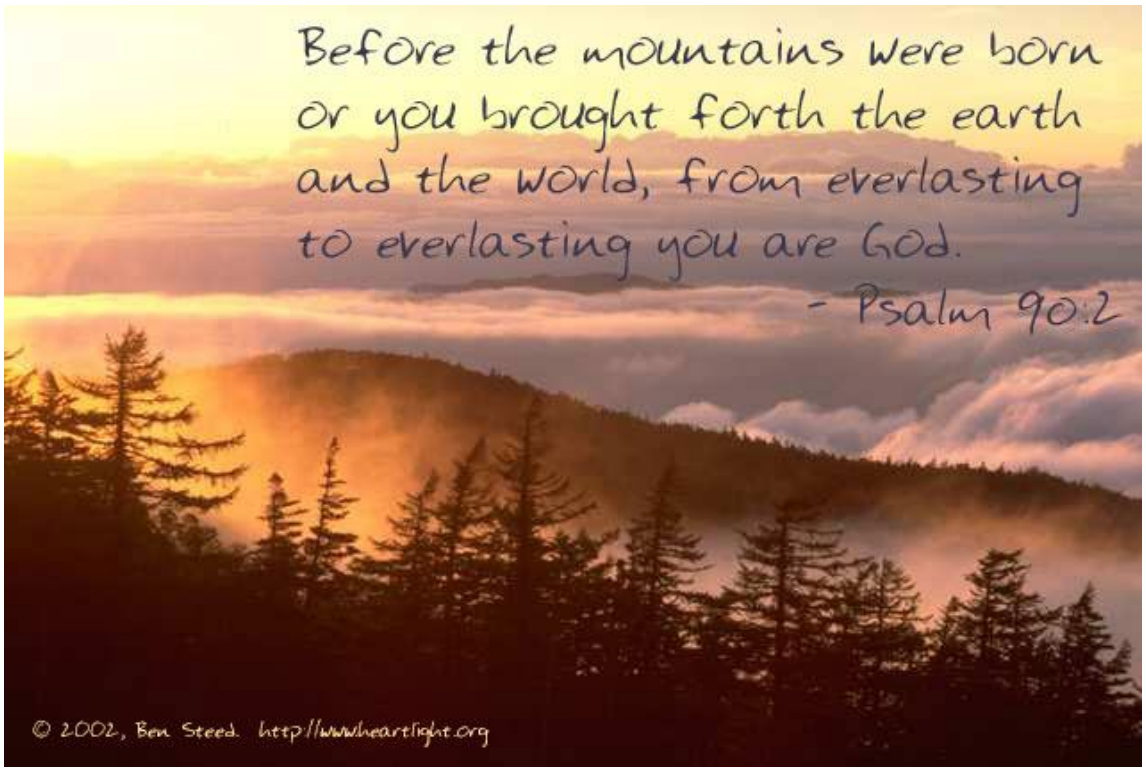
Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



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

Sunday, November 15, 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

The readings during November speak of the end times. The apostle Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✢ **WELCOME** John Kinard, Council Member of the Day

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

✢ **PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* Don Wyrtzen / Robert W. Thygerson
Becky Gardner, Oboe / Dr. Will Cleveland, Organ

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

✢ Opening Hymn

We Praise You, O God ELW # 870

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

✢ Apostolic Greeting

The Rev. Chris Christopher, 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 Righteous God, you created the Earth and ALL people.

ALL **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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

✢ First Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Summary

Lector *Today's lesson reveals, though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Now, the lesson from the first book of Thessalonians in the New Testament.*

Lector [1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need
to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and
security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to
the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore, encourage one another and
build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✢ Psalm 90:1-8 12

Lector [1] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
ALL [2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the Earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

Lector [3] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of Earth."
ALL [4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

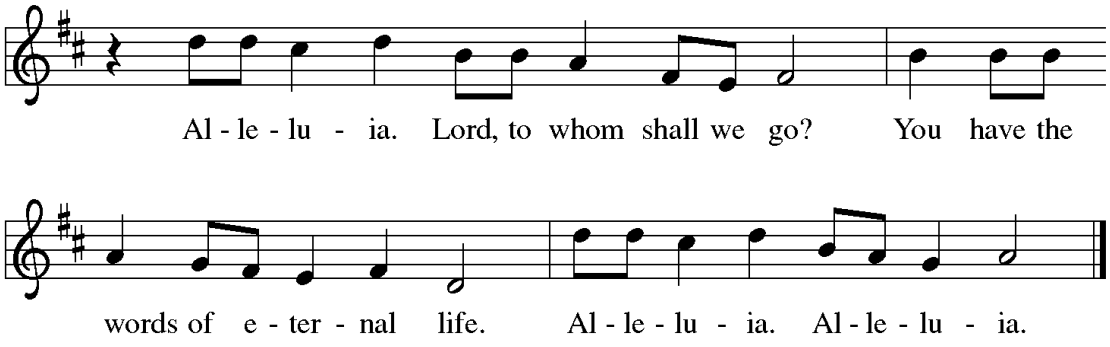
Lector [5] you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
ALL [6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Lector [7] For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
ALL [8] **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

Lector [12] So teach us to number our days
ALL **that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

✢ Gospel Acclamation ELW Setting #3

Please stand, as you are able.



✢ GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Pastor Jesus said to the disciples: [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

✢ SERMON The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✢ Hymn of the Day

Lord of Light ELW # 688

Please stand, as you are able.



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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 build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the Earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

AM **hear our prayer.**

AM In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. 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 Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the Gospel.
God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. 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.

- **Mary Temperance Peuschel** - funeral service at ILC Monday, November 23 - 2 p.m.

- **Community Thanksgiving Service** - Monday, November 23, 7 p.m.
  Main Street United Methodist Church, 211 North Main Street, Greenwood

- **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

Celtic Laud Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir / Amy Blackwood, Piano

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For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, for gift of your feast,
The copy of thanksgiving I gratefully rise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.
For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, Your spirit, in me, the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living my love and my praise. For springtime's green Earth, for morning's first light, for every new birth, for grace and for life, The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and praise.

✢ 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.

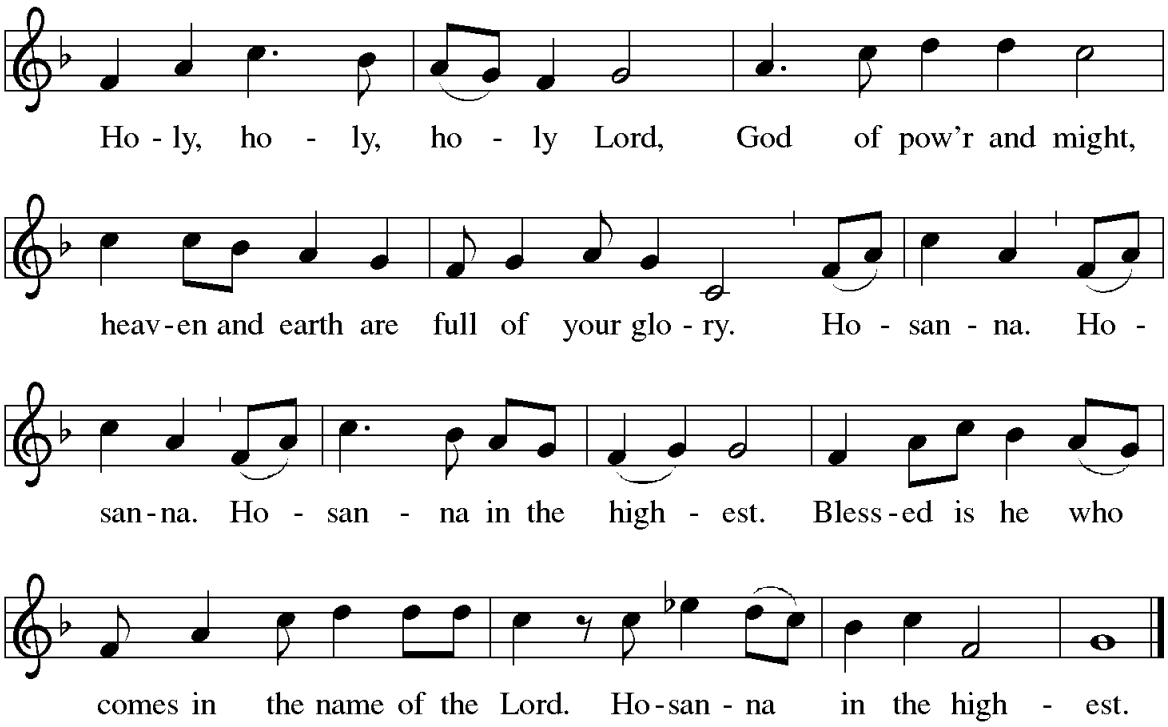
ALL **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

✢ 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

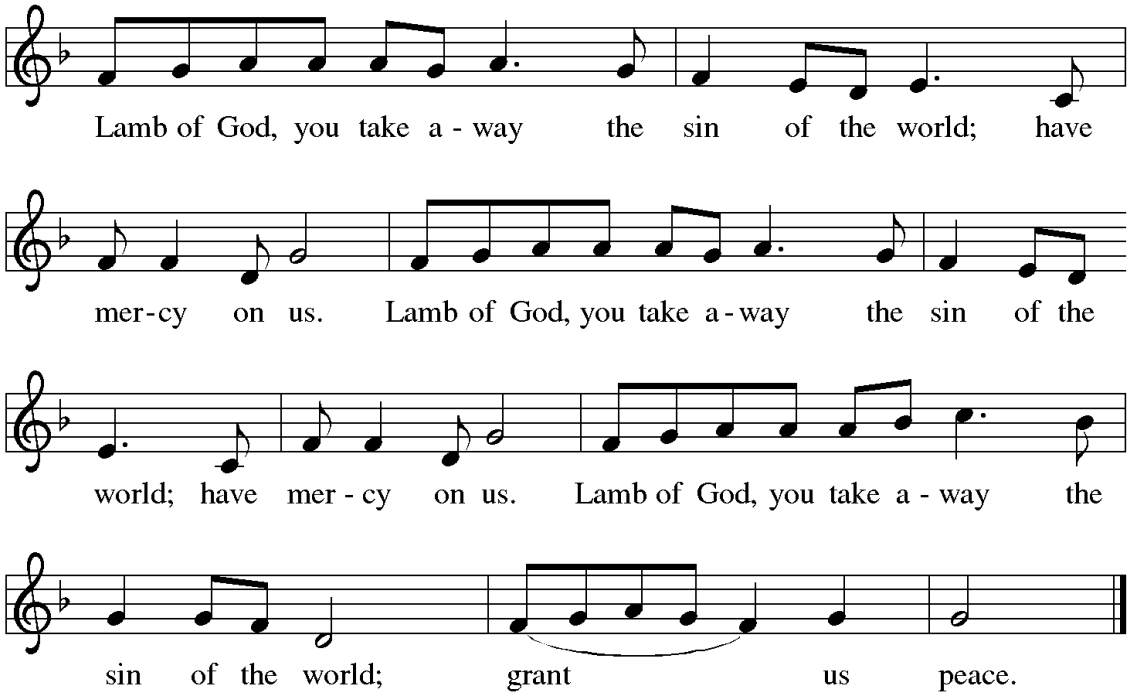
Please be seated.

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.

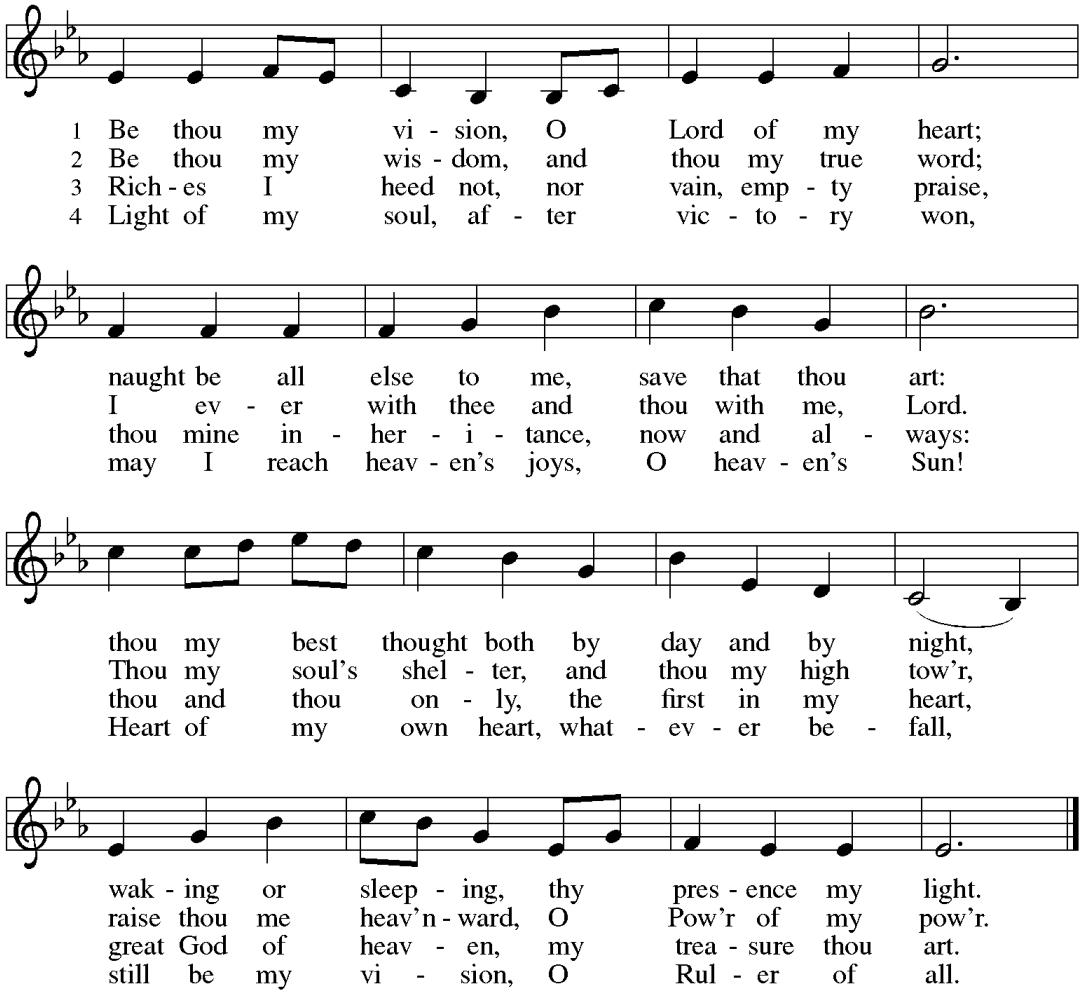
✢ Agnus Dei

Lamb of God ELW Setting 3



✢ Communion Music

Be Thou My Vision ELW # 793



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

✢ 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.

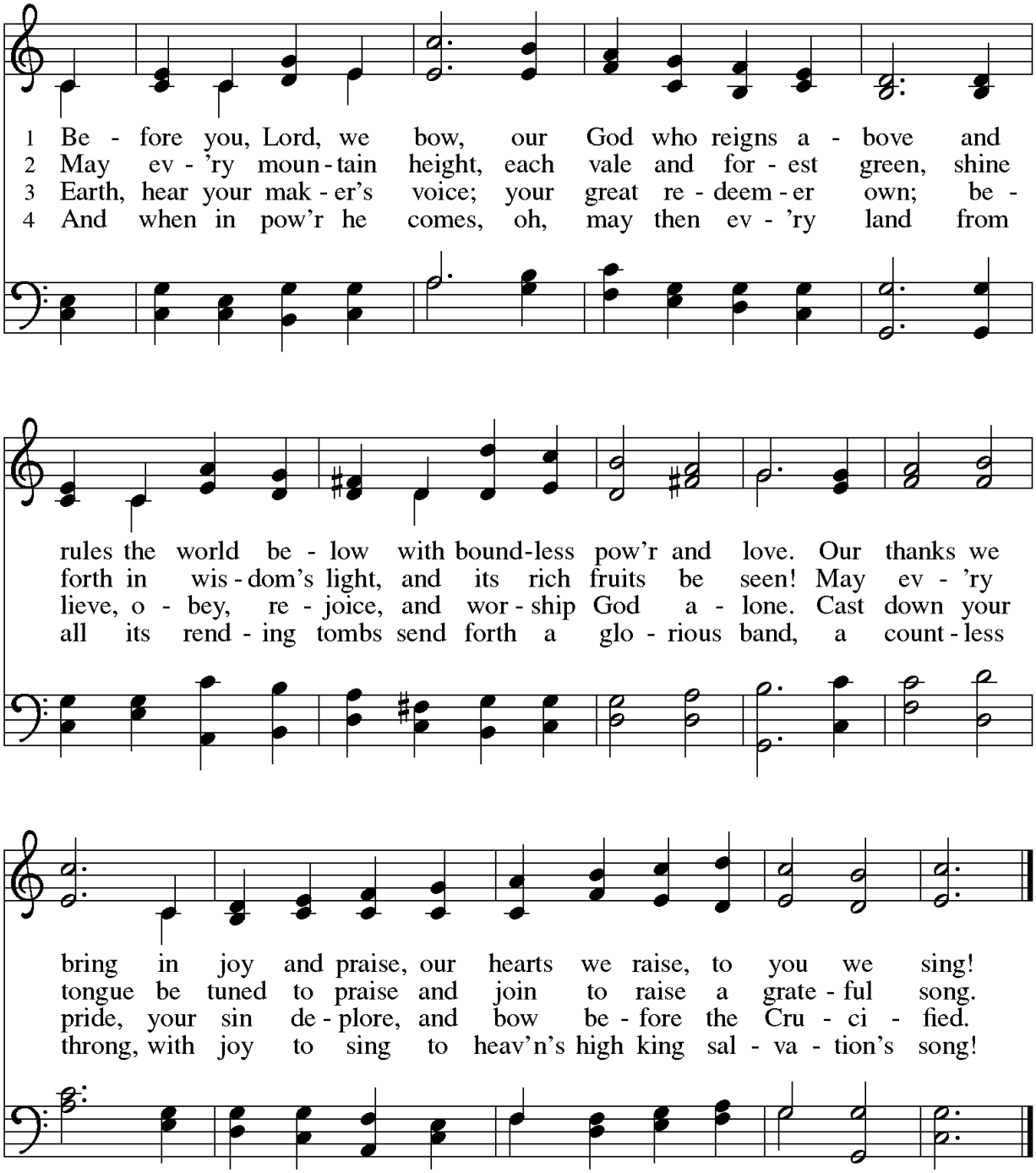
ALL **Thanks be to God.**

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✢ Closing Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow ELW # 893



Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

✢ Postlude

All Hail the Power Jesus' Name! Tim Fields

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	John Kinard
Pastor	Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Chandler Darling
Organist and Pianist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Oboe	Becky Gardner
Acolytes	Olive Divilbiss and Ruth Divilbiss
Crucifer	Nathan Shumate
Communion Assistants	Olive Divilbiss, Ruth Divilbiss, Nathan Shumate
Sound and Video Technician(s)	George Beveridge and Jim Cochran
Altar Guild	Zeolean Kinard
Ushers	Chandler Darling and Alan Darling
Counters	Cile Davis, John Davis
Officer on Duty	Kevin Reeder

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and to celebrate all of Immanuel's dedicated ministries by Erwin and Kat Finkbeiner.

✢ 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 Temperance Peuschel.

THIS WEEK AT ILC

Sunday, November 15

9 a.m. Worship (Nave)
10 a.m. Coffee Time and Adult Christian Education
4:30 p.m. Worship

Tuesday, November 17

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 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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. - Immanuel's Chancel Choir and Resurrection's Parish Choir Practice
(Resurrection, Emmaus Hall)

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