Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



What Love Does

November 2, 2025 9 a.m. Service Bulletin Year C

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 positive! Please scan the QR code to the left or sign the Pew Register located in the red notebook.

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!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today in Worship we give thanks for ALL the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath, we petition God for the strength to hear and heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's Gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Order of Worship

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

+ THE PRELUDE Fanfare on the Nicaea, Hymn to Joy, and Beecher Hymn Tunes Gayden Sikes Cody Beard, Trumpet / Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

+ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

During the chiming of the hour, please stand for the Processional Hymn.

+ THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For All the Saints

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

+ THE CONFESSION

Please be seated or kneel.

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives ALL our sin, whose mercy

endures forever.

ALL AMEN.

Pastor Trusting in God's mercy, let us offer our confession.

Pastor Faithful God,

ALL you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the Earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts,

and bring us to new life. AMEN.

+ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor Hear the Good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins

are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

ALL AMEN.

+ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Please stand, as you are able.

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.



廿 THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the

mystical body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

The children may come forward for a short message, then go downstairs to Children's Church and return during Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

中 THE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23

Summary

Lector

In today's lesson we learn that after giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ. Now, the lesson from the book of Ephesians in the New Testament.

Lector

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector

Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,

ALL Thanks be to God.

+ THE PSALM 149

Lector ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

ALL ² Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

Lector ³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with

tambourine and harp.

ALL ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

Lector ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

ALL ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

Lector ⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

ALL 8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

Lector ⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed;

ALL this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

+ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND READING Luke 6:20-31

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Alleluia! They are before the throne of God,

ALL and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia!

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 6th chapter.

ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor 20 Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

+ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

Please stand, as you are able.



tt: David Haas, b. 1957

sic: David Haas

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+ THE APOSTLES' CREED

AM Together, let us profess our faith.

ALL 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.

+ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

AM Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and ALL who are in need.

Silence for preparation

AM God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the Gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM God of ALL our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and ALL those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your Gospel. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed:

Nancy London Bollinger, Mary Marinko Butler, Phyllis Herzog Hartley, Charles Donald Justus, Mary Leone Kenzie, John Thomas Hipp, Fred Harold McDowell, Lee Allen Peterson, Juna Lutz Wergin, and Carolyn Brammer Wolfer.

Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM We offer these and ALL our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

+ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL And also with you.

AM 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion *Please be seated.*



*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.

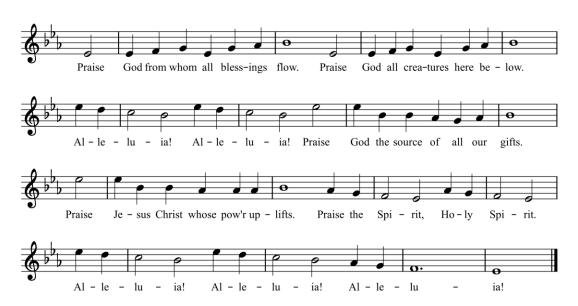
+ THE OFFERTORY

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In African American Spiritual
The Chancel Choir

♣ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please stand, as you are able.



+ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray: God of healing and hope,

ALL

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

AMEN.

+ THE 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.

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

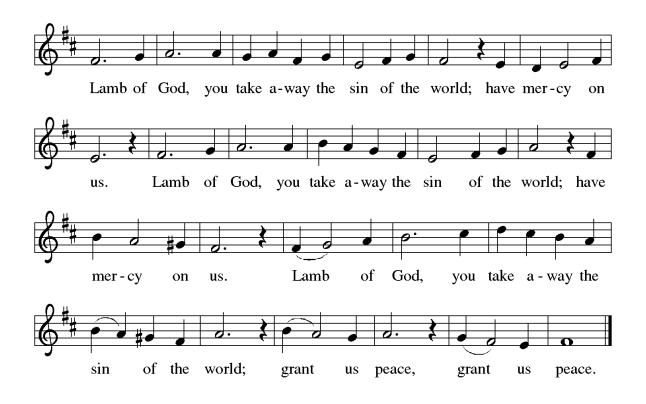
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

+ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

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 metal 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.



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廿 THE COMMUNION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River ELW # 423



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

+ THE INCLUSION OF COMMUNION WITH OUR HOMEBOUND

Minister I invite our Ministers to the Homebound to come forward.

> Let us pray: Gracious God, loving ALL your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and

imprisoned.

ALL In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this

> sacrament and give us ALL the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Go forth with our greetings

and prayers, that we all are one, drawn together in Christ. AMEN.

+ THE 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!

→ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

ALL you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

> Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for ALL who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's

name. AMEN.

+ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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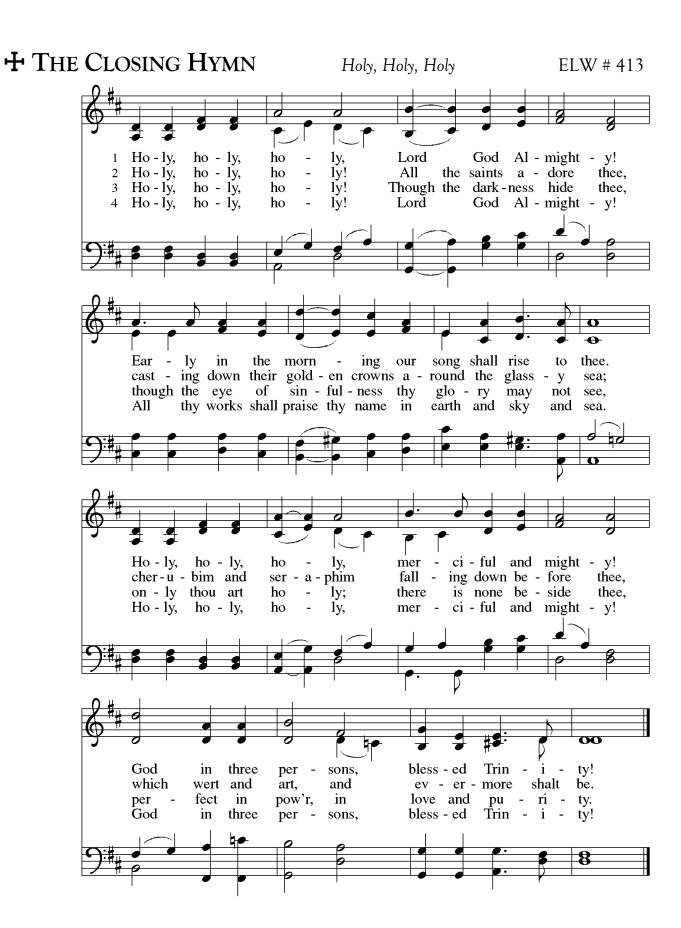
4 THE BENEDICTION

Pastor The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Redeemer save you, and

God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you +

and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

ALL AMEN.



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

+ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:

ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities,

and connecting others to Christ.

AM Go in peace.

ALL Thanks be to God.

+ THE POSTLUDE

All Saints

David Thorne

*After Worship, please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for refreshments and Christian Education.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chris Christopher

Lector / Assisting Minister Danny Kinard

Communion Assistants Chandler Darling, Sue Frantz, and Will Stroup

Organist and Pianist Dr. Will Cleveland

Trumpet Cody Beard

Sound and Video Technician(s) Ray Lorick and George Beveridge Ushers Jim Wolfer and Howard Bouknight

Altar Guild Kat Finkbeiner
Counter(s) Steve Presley
Officer on Duty Will Stroup

♣ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names. If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Maddy Bell, Linda Beveridge, Peggy Bowman, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Nancy Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Torsha Hicks, Chelsea Hall, Suellen Holmes, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Judith Mutter, Chandler Patterson, Steve Presley, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Brenda Donahue, Latrosha Fuller, Jaquie Haymond, Willie Fred Kennedy, Lois Kuntz, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and Deanna Whitt.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling 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: Mary Leone Kenzie

+ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (Week of 11/02/2025)

- Sunday 2nd Worship Service starts TODAY at 4:30 p.m. The service will be a meditative All Souls Day liturgy which will include music and Holy Communion.
- Fall Fellowship Meals start TODAY from 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Reservations are required for the upcoming Sunday Evening Fall Fellowship Meals on November 9, 16, and 23. Please e-mail Dr. Will by Friday each week. (will@ilcgreenwood.com)
- WELCA Monday, November 3, at 1 p.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)
- Campus Ministries Monday, November 3, at 6:45 p.m.
- Choir Practice Wednesday, November 5
 5 p.m. Handbell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice at First Baptist Church
- Pickleball Wednesday, November 5, at 6 p.m. ALL are invited. If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at (landkhamm@gmail.com) or just show up.
- Congregation Meeting NEXT Sunday, November 9, following the 9 a.m. service *The items on the agenda will include the proposed 2026 budget and election of council members.
- Matthew 2540 864-993-6715 lbisenhower@gmail.com Or order online at www.matthew2540.net/fundraisers. Also, pecan time is here again. These make great holiday gifts while providing education and meals for an impoverished child studying at our school in Guatemala. For \$21.25 per bag, your purchase also feeds and educates a child for 5 days! Place your order now to ensure you get the varieties and number of packages you want.



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

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly newsletter are due to Dr. Will by Wednesday at 10 a.m. Materials for the December /January Messenger are due Tuesday, December 2, at 10 a.m.

NEWS FROM WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Kinard Manor, the women's transitional recovery house located in Greenwood, is currently undergoing some major changes and renewal. It has recently divested from Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and is now a vital ministry solely under the South Carolina Synod.

This program will be following a treatment program titled "We Came to Believe" with a mission to offer hope, love, and a new way of life by providing safe transitional housing, teaching skills for empowerment to self-sufficiency, and facilitating possible reunification with children and families. As a result of these changes, it is even more critical that we continue to support this ministry with not only our prayers and our love, but we will also need to help in meeting other basic needs for the success of this mission. The Ladies of Immanuel are currently gathering the following items that have been identified as a great need for the residents of the home:

BLANKETS (twin or full/new or gently used)

WINDOW BLINDS (size to be determined-see Pastor Chris)

BARS OF SOAP

BATH TOWELS (new or gently used)

HAND TOWELS (new or gently used)

WASH CLOTHS (new)

EYE MASK

SMALL BED SIDE TABLE LAMPS

LIGHT BULBS (40 watt or less)

ROOM DIVIDERS

FEMININE PRODUCTS

CLEANING SUPPLIES (WET WIPES, LAUNDRY PODS, DISHWASHER PODS, CLEANERS) PAPER & PLASTIC PRODUCTS (TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, 13 GALLON GARBAGE BAGS, ZIPLOC BAGS, LARGE LATEX GLOVES) ** PRIORITY

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please place all donations in the Dot Wise Room.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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