Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



For All Who Believe, God Will Work All Things for Good

Sunday, October 12, 2025 9 a.m. Service Bulletin Ordinary Time 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

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of Holy Baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Order of Worship

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

+ THE PRELUDE

Thou Shalt Bring Them In

George Frideric Handel

Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

+ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

+ THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven ELW # 864



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

+ THE WELCOME The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

+ THE CONFESSION

Please be seated or kneel.

Pastor Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL AMEN.

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

Pastor Most merciful and loving God,

ALL We confess that we have not fully lived out your call to share in abundant life and

unconditional love. We ask you to provide us with the courage to change as well as the energy, imagination, and love to be your people in ALL we say and do. We ask for your help, your power, and your Spirit to grow more each day into the image

of Christ. AMEN.

♣ THE ABSOLUTION (Declaration of Forgiveness)

Pastor Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world

to save ALL. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins

are forgiven!

ALL AMEN.

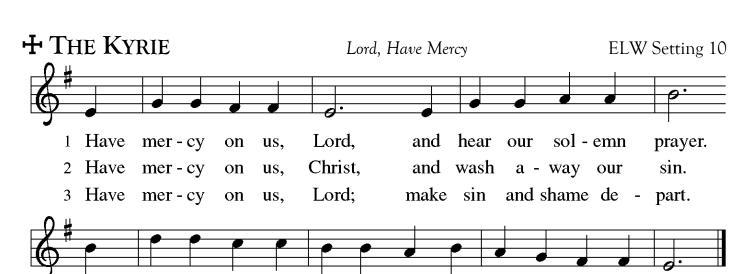
4 THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

♣ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills ALL of

creation.

ALL Keep us safe from ALL that may hurt us. With grateful hearts, whole and well in body and spirit, may we accomplish ALL that you would have us do, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

+ THE LESSON 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Summary

Lector

In today's lesson, we learn that though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching. Now, the lesson from the second book of Timothy in the New Testament.

Lector

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David, is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

ALL Thanks be to God.

+ THE PSALM 111

Lector ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

ALL ² Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

Lector ³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

ALL ⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

Lector ⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

ALL ⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

Lector ⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

ALL 8 They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Lector ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

ALL ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

+ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND READING

Luke 17:11-19

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor Alleluia! Hear the Good News!

ALL Alleluia! Give thanks in ALL circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ

Jesus for you. Alleluia!

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 17th chapter.

ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

+ 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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and ALL of creation.

Silence for preparation

AM Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the world of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM Creating God, water the Earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to ALL communities and guide the work of ALL who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of ALL nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith especially, Mary Leone Kenzie. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of the Resurrection in Christ. God of grace,

ALL receive our prayer.

AM We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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.

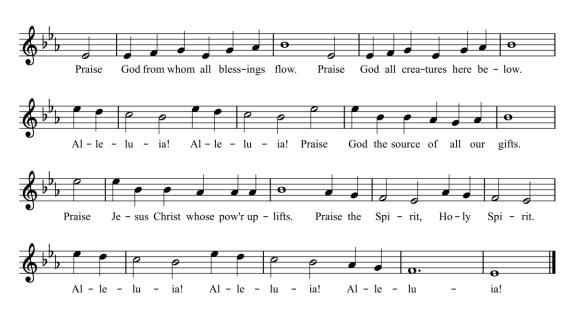
+ THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God, beyond All Praising Richard Proulx
The Chancel Choir

+ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please stand, as you are able.



ALL + THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray: Lord of the harvest,

ALL

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless ALL who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

+ 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.

+ THE AGNUS DEI

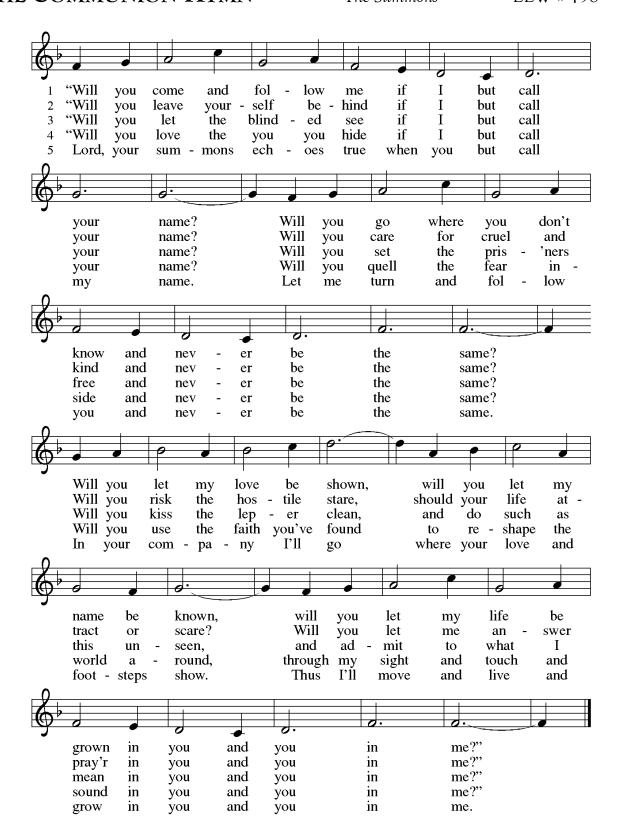
O Lamb of God



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+ 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 abundance,

ALL with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making

us one with ALL your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the

risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

+ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Please see page 20.

+ THE BENEDICTION

Pastor The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the

hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

ALL AMEN.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chris Christopher

Lector / Assisting Minister Lianne Smith

Communion Assistants Karen Hammond, Will Stroup, and Kim Leemhuis

Organist and Pianist Dr. Will Cleveland Sound and Video Technician(s) Larry Hammond

Ushers David Rosenbaum and Larry Cobb

Altar Guild Kim Leemhuis
Counter(s) YJ and Janet Ahn

Officer on Duty Will Stroup



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+ 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 (Water Music) Suite in D Major, HWV 349 George Frideric Handel II. Alla Hornpipe

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

+ 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: Linda Beveridge, Peggy Bowman, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Torsha Hicks, Suellen Holmes, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, 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 10/12/2025)

- Campus Ministries Monday, October 13, at 6:45 p.m.
- Mutual Ministry Tuesday, October 14, at 11 a.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)
- Mary Kenzie Funeral Wednesday, October 15, at 11 a.m. ILC
- Choir Practice Wednesday, October 15
 4:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
 5:15 p.m. Handbell Choir
- Pickleball Wednesday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. ALL are invited. If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at (landkhamm@gmail.com) or just show up.
- Reformation Sunday FREE Concert October 26, 4:30 p.m. at Immanuel. The concert will feature Immanuel's Chancel Choir with members from First Baptist's Chancel Choir, Immanuel's Handbell Choir, Immanuel's Handchime Choir, and special guest, opera singer Dr. Octavio Moreno. A reception will follow the concert in the Fellowship Center.
- Sunday Evening Services Starting Sunday, November 2, Immanuel will offer a second shorter service on Sunday evenings from 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. The service will include music and Holy Communion.
- Women of Immanuel Please see page 21.
- Fall Fellowship Meals Instead of Advent dinners, Immanuel will have fall fellowship meals on Sunday Evenings in November from 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.



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 November Messenger are due Tuesday, October 28 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

ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Please place all donations in the Dot Wise room. If you have any questions, please see Sue Kaufman (jakesnanna@aol.com) or Kim Leemhuis. (leemhuis 2@verizon.net)



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