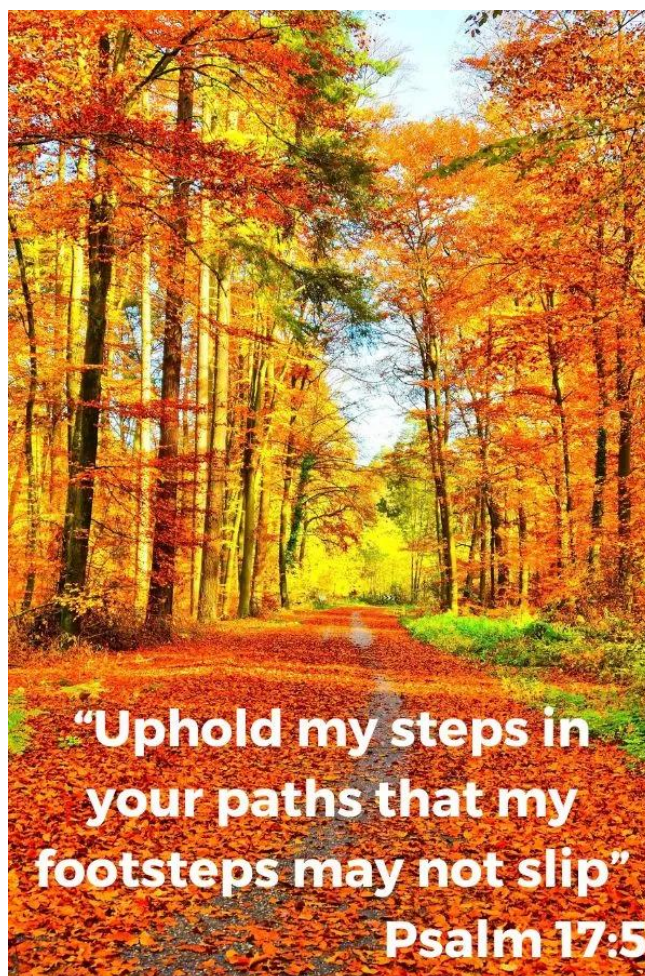


Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



By Love, for Love

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9 a.m. Service Bulletin

Ordinary Time

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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

We worship on the first day of the week because tradition teaches that Christ was raised on the first day of the week. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the Resurrection.

Order of Worship

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

✚ THE PRELUDE

Aria J. Wayne Kerr

Becky Gardner, Oboe / Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

✚ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

✚ THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

I Know My Redeemer Lives

ELW# 619

Please stand, as you are able.

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

✝ THE WELCOME

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ 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.

✚ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

ELW Setting 4

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.

ALL Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the Resurrection, 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 Job 19:23-27a

Summary

Lector *In today's lesson, we learn that Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, during his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he will see God. Now, the lesson from the book of Job in the Old Testament.*

Lector ²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

ALL Thanks be to God.

✝ THE PSALM 17:1-9

- Lector ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ALL ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- Lector ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ALL ⁴ I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- Lector ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- ALL ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- Lector ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- ALL ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- Lector ⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
- ALL from my deadly enemies who surround me.

✠ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION AND READING

Luke 20:27-38

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
ALL to Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Alleluia!
Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 20th chapter.
ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✠ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

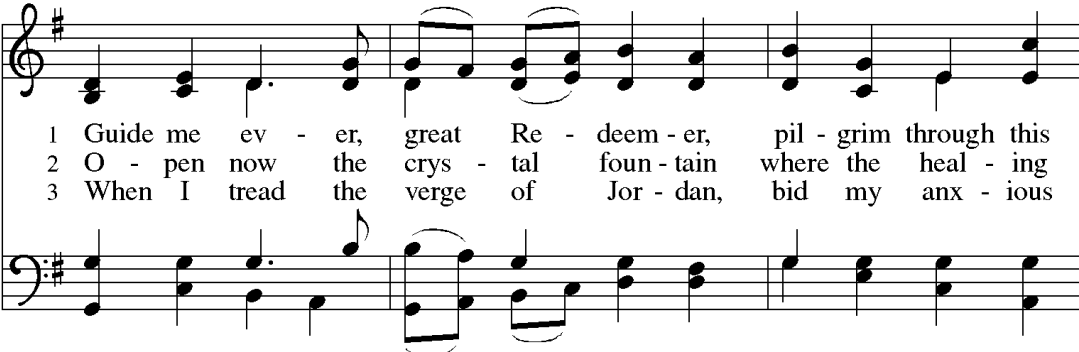
Please be seated.

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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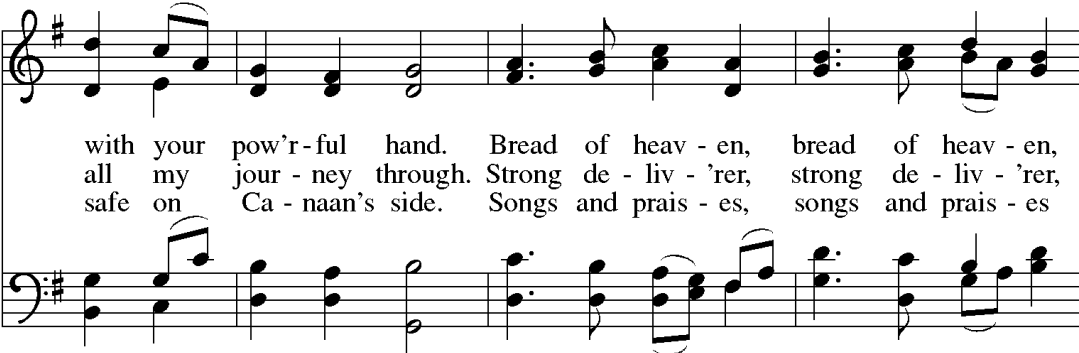
Please stand, as you are able.



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er-more, ev - er-more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might-y arm, might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er-more, ev - er-more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

✝ 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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set ALL hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return.
Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for ALL that is made of rock and iron. Renew the Earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM God of the saints, we give thanks for ALL who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. 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

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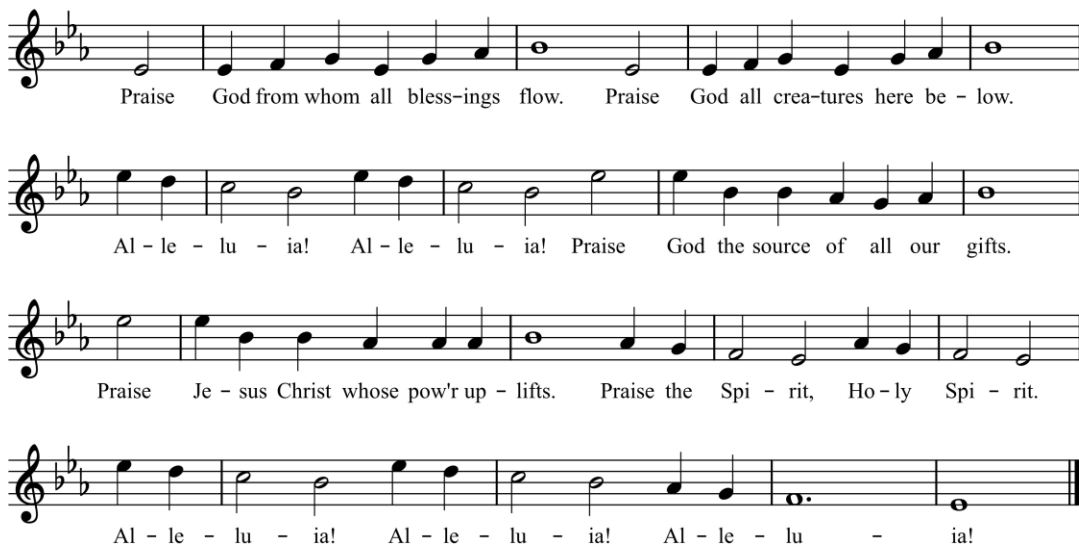
Samuel Wesley

✙ THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Please stand, as you are able.

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✙ 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.
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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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✝ THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Consider How the Birds Above
The Chancel Choir

Bret A. Heim

✝ 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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✝ THE BENEDICTION

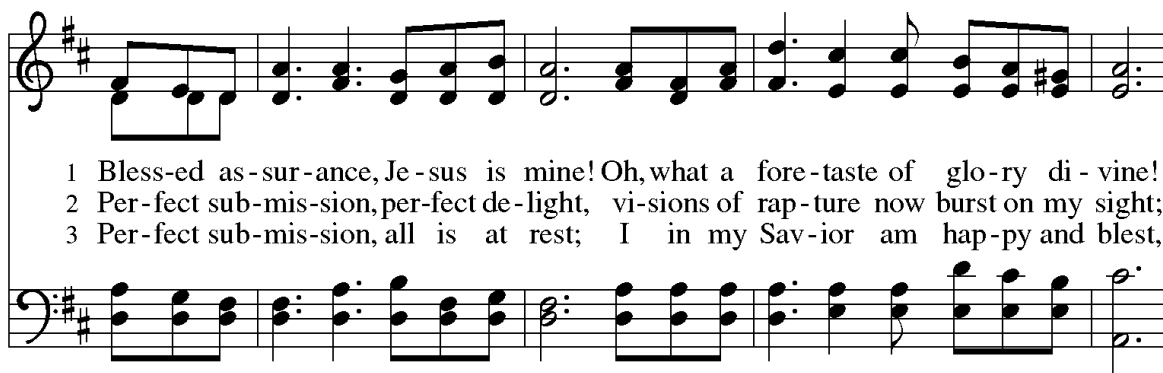
Pastor The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Redeemer save you, and
God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

ALL AMEN.

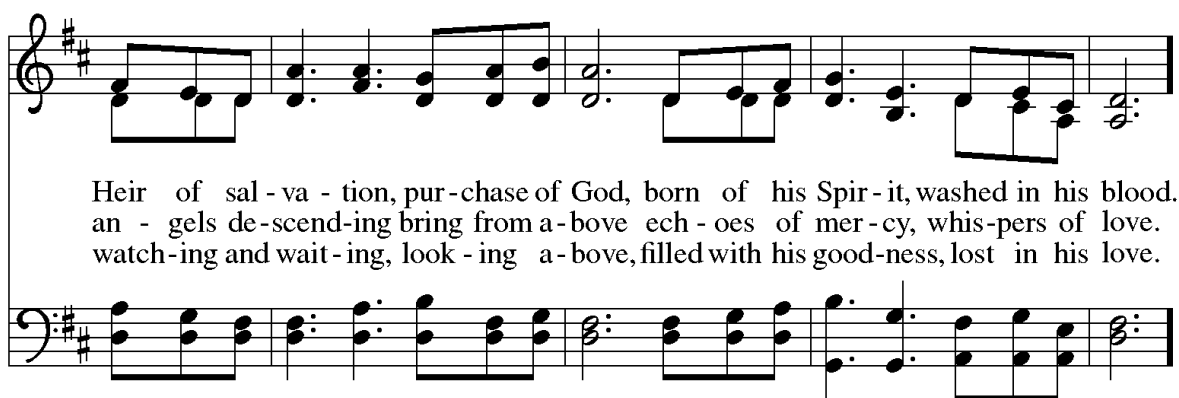
✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

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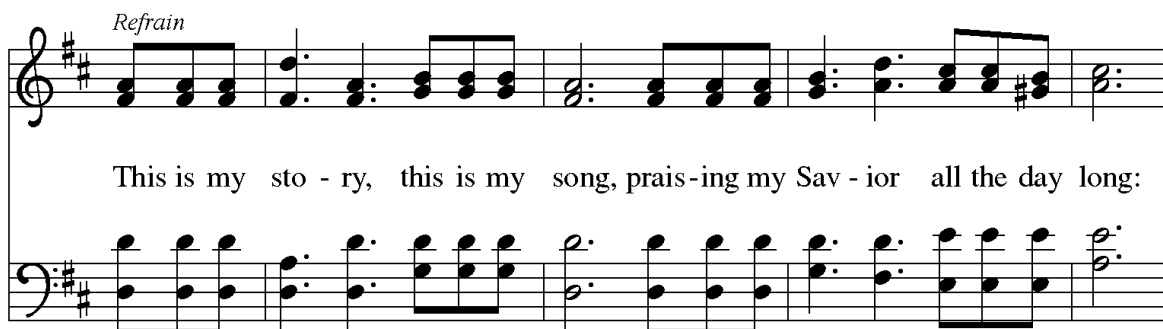


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

✝ 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.

*There will be no postlude today or adult Christian Education, due to the congregational meeting.

*Altar Flowers are given by Stacy Volpone to the glory of God and in gratitude to everyone who has recently donated to Kinard Manor.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Kat Finkbeiner
Communion Assistants	Karen Hammond and Lander Students
Organist and Pianist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Oboe	Becky Gardner
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Larry Hammond and Steve Presley
Ushers	Kat Finkbeiner and Erwin Finkbeiner
Altar Guild	Elaine Rosenbaum
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, Denise Kerth, 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 11/09/2025)

- **Congregational Meeting** - TODAY, immediately following Worship.
- **Veterans' Parade** - TODAY, the parade will begin at South Main Baptist Church at 2 p.m. and proceed up Main Street and end at Hampton Plaza Shopping Center.
- **Sunday 2nd Worship Service** - TODAY at 4:30 p.m.
- **Fall Fellowship Meal** - TODAY from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Center) **Reservations are required for the upcoming Sunday Evening Fall Fellowship Meals on November 16, and 23. Please e-mail Dr. Will by Friday each week. (will@ilcgreenwood.com)**
- **Campus Ministries** - Monday, November 10, at 6:45 p.m. McCombs Meeting Room
- **Mutual Ministry** - Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m.
- **Choir Practice** - Wednesday, November 12
5 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice at First Baptist Church
- **Pickleball** - Wednesday, November 12, at 6 p.m. ALL are invited. If interested, please contact Larry Hammond at (landkhamm@gmail.com) or just show up.
- **Dining Divas** - Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m. - Red Bowl in Greenwood. Sign up on the WELCA board or text JoAn Crowder at 864-942-9191.
- **Church office** - will be closed this Friday, November 14.
- **LMIM** - will meet on Saturday, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. Old Fellowship Hall
- **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.**



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