

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9
O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry
place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears
from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take
away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for
him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9
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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14
Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables,
saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be com-
pared to a king who gave a wedding banquet
for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who
had been invited to the wedding banquet, but
they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other
slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invit-
ed: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen
and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding ban-
quet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while
the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and
killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned
their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wed-
ding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite
everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’
¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and
gathered all whom they found, both good and
bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
¹¹“But when the king came in to see the
guests, he noticed a man there who was not
wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him,
‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wed-
ding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the
king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand
and foot, and throw him into the outer dark-
ness, where there will be weeping and gnash-
ing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are
chosen.”

Everything is ready;
come to the
wedding banquet

MATTHEW 22:4



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered (on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month). ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to ckwilson1983@gmail.com or immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, October 11, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES

Lay Reader: Von Becker

Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, October 18, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES

Lay Reader: Dennis Griepentrog

Greeters: Terry & Kay Bose

Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen

Communion: Dennis Griepentrog, Jerry Kukuck

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris,
Rebecca Casson, Shelby Hall, Rick Vance, Jeri Vance Crawley
Those who mourn – the family and friends of Ruth Vance

Announcements

Please join us here next Sunday at 5:00 pm for a Fall Potluck and Bonfire! The evening will be filled with fellowship, food, laughter, and the beauty of the season. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and roasting sticks. Meat, table service & S'mores supplies will be provided. If you have any appropriate games for activities, please contact Eli Petersen.

Lutheran World Relief Projects Wrap Up

On Sunday, October 25, Immanuel will bless the quilts and kits made this year for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) before they are shipped at the end of the month. A free will offering will be collected on Sundays October 18th and 25th to pay for shipping, storage and delivery of our gifts. Shipping costs have risen, and it will cost over \$300 to ship our projects. In addition, collected funds will be used to purchase school kit bags made by members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Stay tuned for updates on our final count of projects!

Thank you for all your donations of supplies, money, sewing skills, time and prayers, which enable us to show God's love to our neighbors around the world.

Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, October 11 at 10:15 am

They will meet every other week beginning October 11 at 10:15 am for approximately 90 minutes.

Bible Study will begin Sunday, October 18 at 10:15 am The class is open to anyone who wants to participate – not just "Adults" who would like to learn more about our faith and teachings through the Bible and Catechism. Pastor Michael will lead this class every other Sunday, beginning October 18.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able*

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated*

GATHERING SONG

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553

GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

THE KYRIE

ELW page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW page 139

Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen. *The congregation may be seated*

Word ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING	Isaiah 25:1-9	back of bulletin
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After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;**

For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

READING	Philippians 4:1-9	back of bulletin
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Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

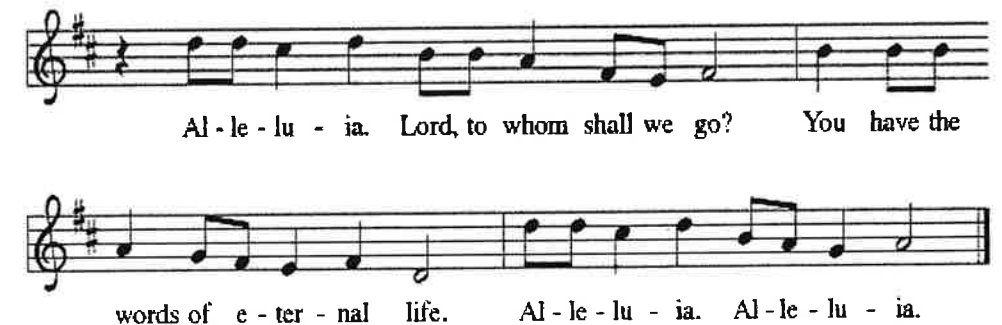
⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW, page 142



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Michael Jones

HYMN OF DAY

When Peace like a River

ELW 785

Please stand as you are able

*APOSTLE'S CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 congregation may be seated

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... **God of creation,**

C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

After each petition: P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Sending ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

HYMN

The Son of God, Our Christ

ELW 584

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE