FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
[19]as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand
against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

[21]I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals
I will not look upon.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24]But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

or **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16** [not printed]

Psalm 70

or **Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11]Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

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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 10:15 am - Sunday School

Sunday, November 8, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Karen Harms
Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen
Communion: na
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, November 15, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR MICHAEL JONES
Lay Reader: Ty Harms
Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms, Rylee Kukuck
Communion: Elton Mau, Eli Petersen
Organist: Cindy Wilson

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, Larry Poppe

Announcements

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming service dates and times:
(There will be no Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.)
The Children's Christmas program will be December 20th during the worship service.
The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 4:30 pm.
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 7, 2027.

Choir will begin rehearsals this week for the Advent and Christmas season soon. Please see Jerry Kukuck if you would be interested in joining our choir this year.

Adopt-a-family information will be coming soon. Please consider helping community families with a gift or two in this season of giving.

The Parish Education committee is looking for children willing to participate in the Children's program on December 20th.
Please contact Lexi, Rebecca, or Kelsey if you have any questions.

Cindy will be updating member contact information before the end of the year. Please let her know if you have changes in your family status that should be addressed. Thank you.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

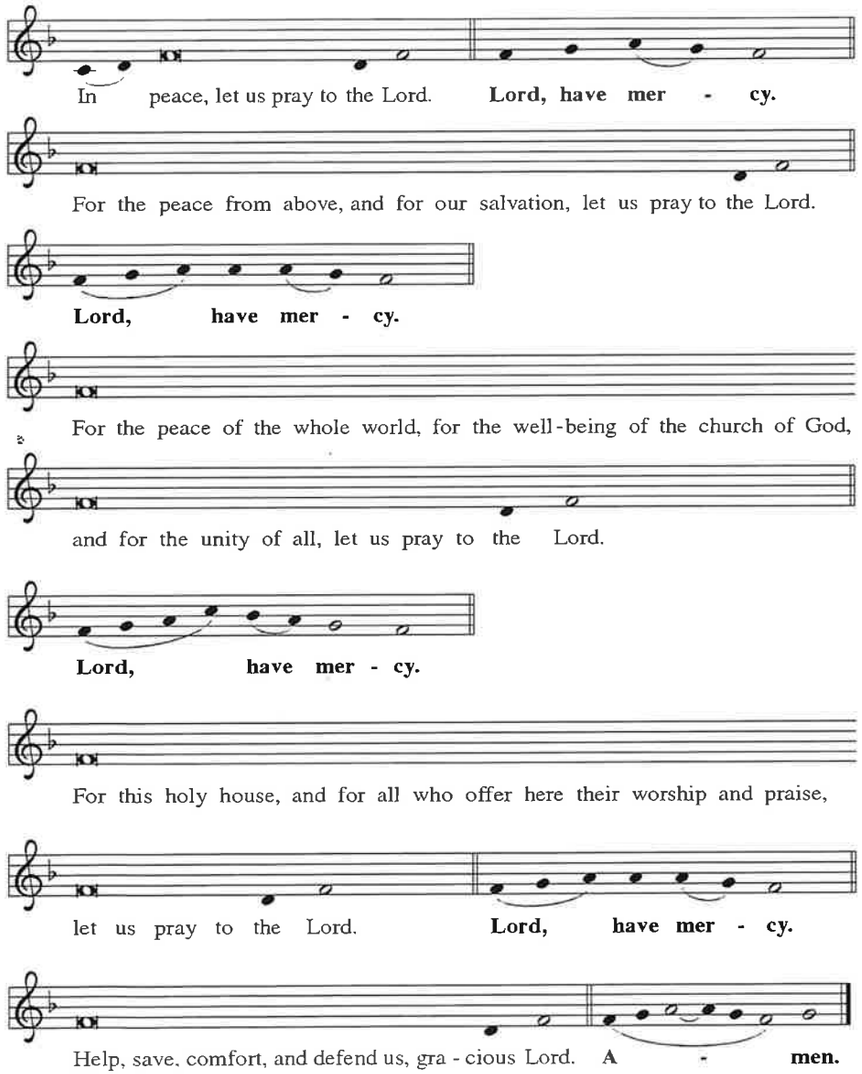
C: Amen.

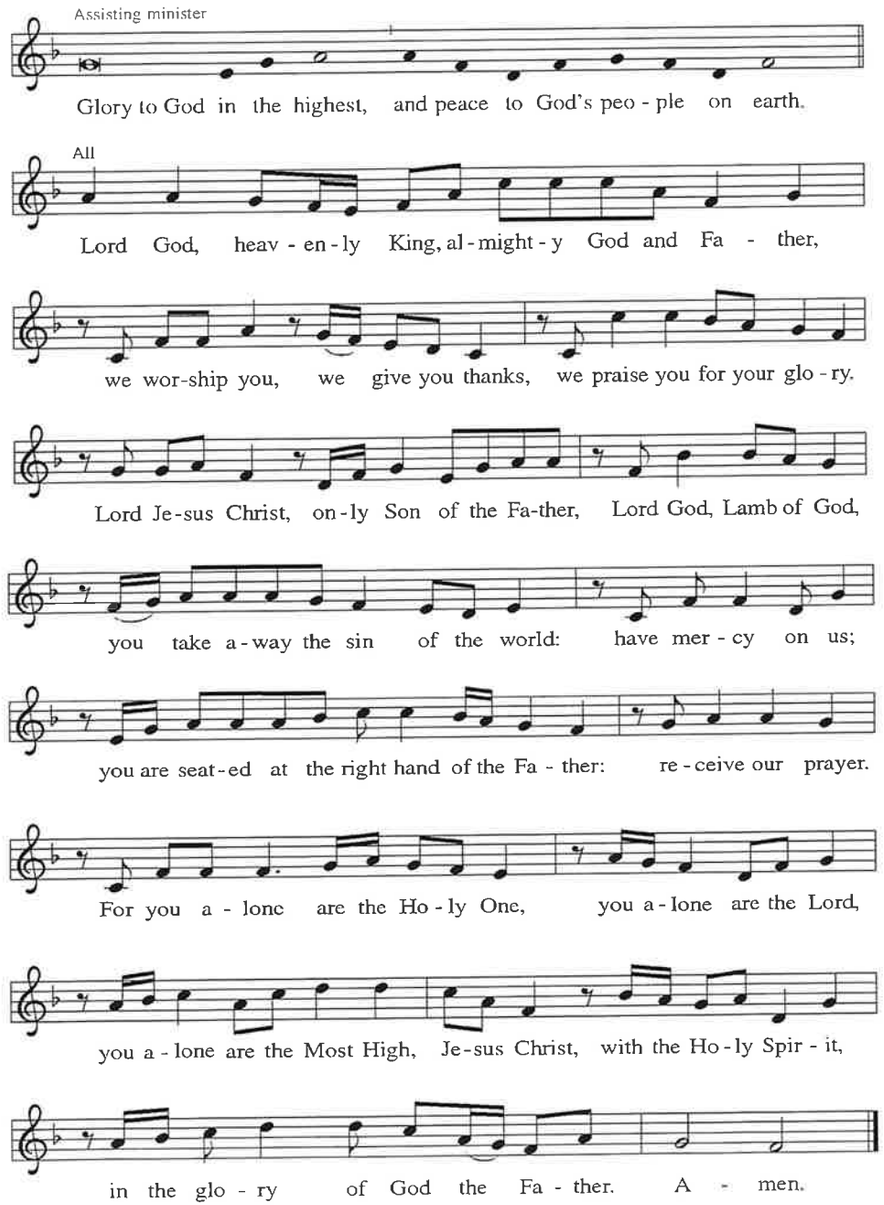
The congregation may be seated

GATHERING SONG ***My Lord, What a Morning*** ELW **438**

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.**


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.


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. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 Amos 5:18-24 back of bulletin

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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

PSALM Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 back of bulletin

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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

Please stand as you are able

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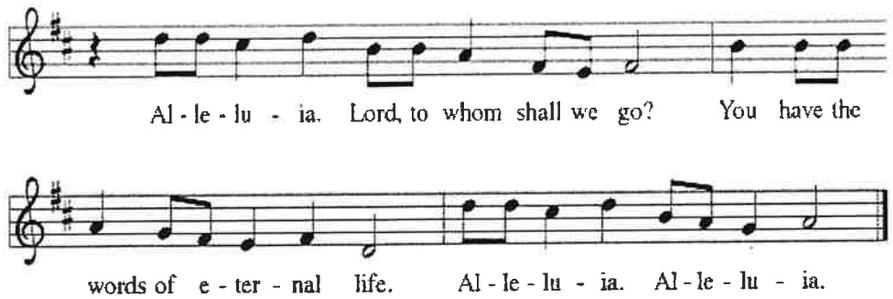

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

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 ***Blessed Assurance*** ELW **638**

APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

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.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able* ELW **186**

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... Eternal God,

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition: P: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Sung from insert in front or back cover of hymnals*

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

BLESSING

P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

HYMN ***Soon and Very Soon*** ELW **439**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE