

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46

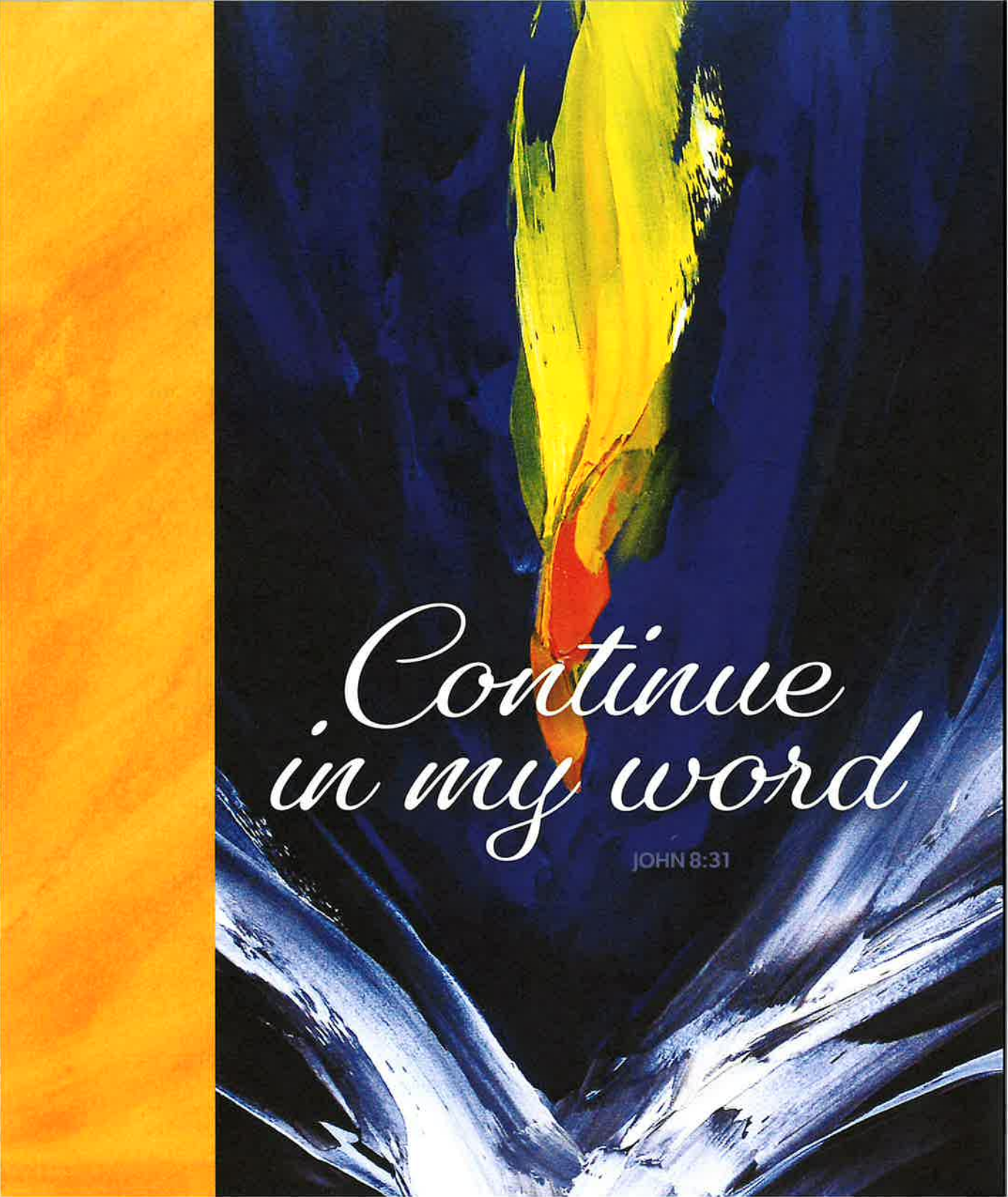
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”



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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 as we worship together in the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Savior, and the Holy Ghost.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, listen to our hearts, for the words spoken and those left unsaid, that you may know our needs and have us understand the needs of those around us. Amen.

Pastor Ed is working in the church office on Friday mornings from 10:30-ish – noon. Please call in advance if you would like to reserve time to talk or visit with him.

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.

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, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. All are welcome to receive Communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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

Sunday, October 27, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM

Lay Reader: Erin Ifft

Greeters: Norman & Karen Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Alec Harper, Zane Hoffman

Communion: Jerry Kukuck, Elton Mau

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, November 3, 2024

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDELSON

Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil

Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan Brucker, Dan Harms

Communion: Rebecca Casson, Angie Kratochvil

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Virginia Winterland, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Von Becker's Parents - Bob & Judy Logan, Nancy Lasser, Loren Powell, Lori Becker (sister-in-law of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview)

Announcements

We welcome everyone today as we observe Reformation Day. We thank Marcia Buchs for leading our worship and sharing her message.

Next Sunday will be the Holy Day of All Saints. As we have done for many years, there is a book on the podium at the back of the church for you to list names of those who have died and now live eternally with Jesus. We will include them in our prayers next Sunday.

Today we will introduce a new directory that will be accessible to all members online. There is an introduction on the preceding page, but in order for you to access it, administrators need to have an email address listed for yourself or your family. The insert highlights the minimum information that we need to get us started. (We already have names and addresses from our church software program.) Cindy and Marcia will be available in the fellowship hall after church to offer assistance or answer questions to the best of their abilities.

Please help us update our lists of Worship Service Volunteers. The current lists of Readers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, and Acolyte/Ushers can be found on the kitchen counter. We are especially in need of more volunteers for Communion Assistants and Acolyte/Ushers. Many of our members have been filling these rolls often and a few more names would be appreciated to lighten the load. If you would be able to help in any of these duties, please add your name to the list. As always, we appreciate everyone who helps make our services run smoothly.

Free items – there are a few things found as we were cleaning out the store room that we no longer need. Please help yourself to anything you find useful.

Our Church Directory is Going Online!

View our church directory online or via the
FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact Marcia Buchs or Cindy Wilson



Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -
Please stand as you are able*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen. *Congregation may be seated.*

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

*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.**

*KYRIE

ELW page 138

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(sung)* **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW page 140

All: Refrain ~ This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Men: Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain

All: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

All: For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Word

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.
Congregation may be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. The inner circle of cups contain grape juice, the rest are wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond : **Amen.***

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

back of bulletin

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage with foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

Behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

READING

Romans 3:19-28

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Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung) ELW, page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*GOSPEL READING John 8:31-36 back of bulletin

The Gospel is announced:

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

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Marcia Buchs, SAM

HYMN OF DAY ***Thy Strong Word*** ELW 511

*CREED *Please stand as you are able* ELW page 104

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed,

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

After each petition: P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

***Let Us Break Bread Together
As the Grains of Wheat***

ELW 471

ELW 465

After all have returned to their places, please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray... Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

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

*BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Church Directory Information

Family Last Name	_____	Birthdate	_____
Adult Name(s)	_____	Birthdate	_____
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Anniversary	_____		

**From time to time we may send texts or emails to you from the church with news for upcoming events. If you do not wish to receive them, please indicate next to each phone or email listed.*