

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God

may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

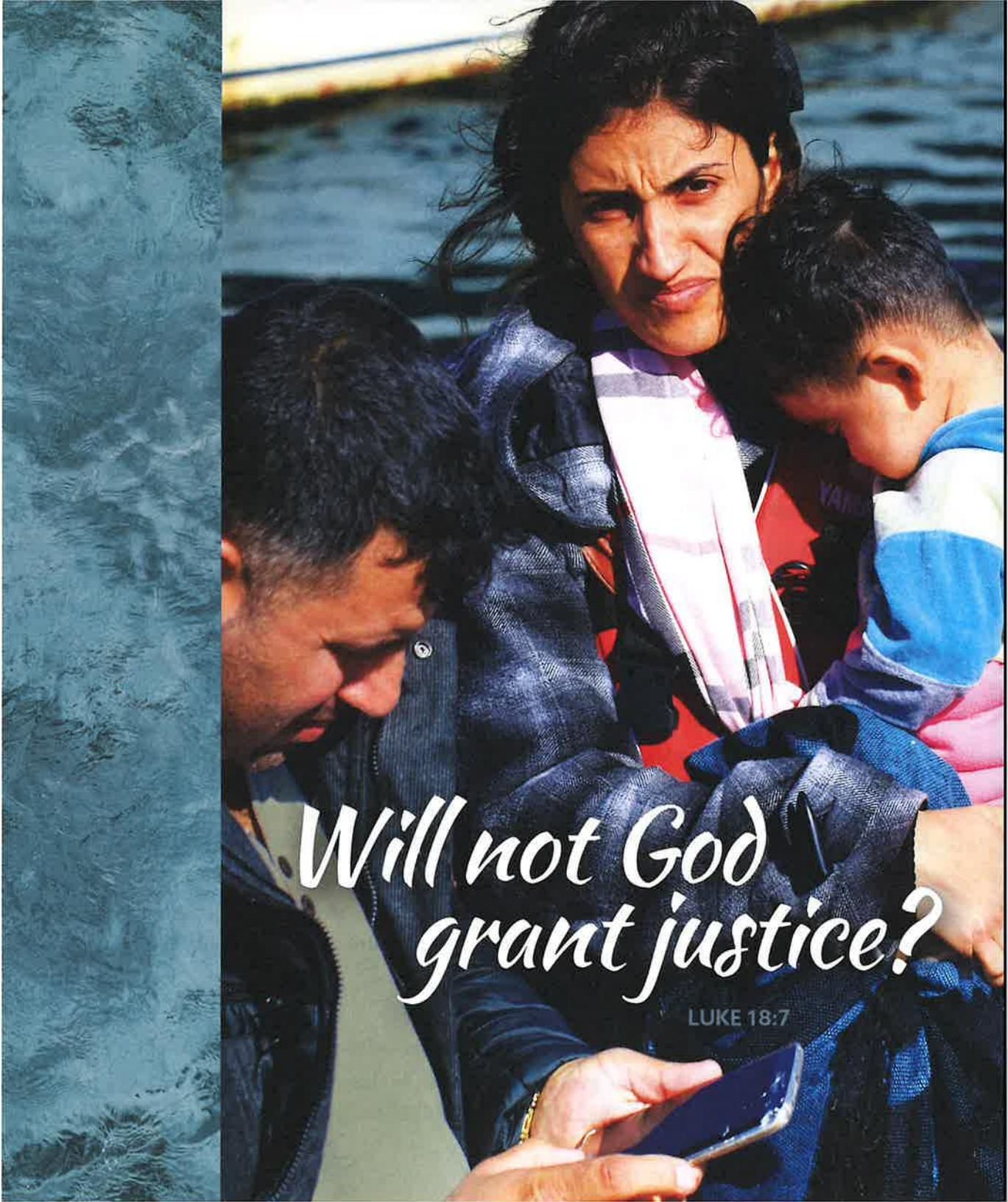
^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 OR 20th Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 or Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

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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 - We are delighted to have everyone worshipping with us today. Please join us for fellowship following the service.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, you know what is on my heart and on my mind today. Please be with me, my family and my friends so that we may feel your presence and take comfort in knowing that you walk with us daily. 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.

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 Sunday of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***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.

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: ROB MAHNKE

Lay Reader: Louann Harms

Greeters: Harlan B., Sherri G.

Ushers/Acolytes: Ty Harms Rylee Kukuck

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, October 26, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Karen Harms

Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson

Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Betty Petersen.

Those who Mourn – the family and friends of Gary Kessinger

[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

Announcements

LWR Quilts and Kits – The Dedication of Quilts and Kits will be this Sunday, October 19. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to our quilt project this year! There is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. These will help us prepare for quilting next year. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.

Luther League will meet at 10:00 am on the first Sunday of each month.

Any new high school members and parents are encouraged to join the Luther League team reach with code: LLeague1 for updates!

Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, October 19 at 4:30 pm, led by Pastor Elizabeth Callen.

Saturday, October 25th we will sponsor a car for Trunk or Treat in Colfax. Anyone who would like to share decorating ideas, assistance, or candy and treats to hand out is welcome to contact Cindy Wilson as soon as possible.

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today.
Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to
Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

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

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

*GREETING

L: 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 (spoken)

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L: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready
to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek
your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

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

READING

Genesis 32:22-31

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*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright
and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who
ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles
with God."*

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

PSALM

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who
watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

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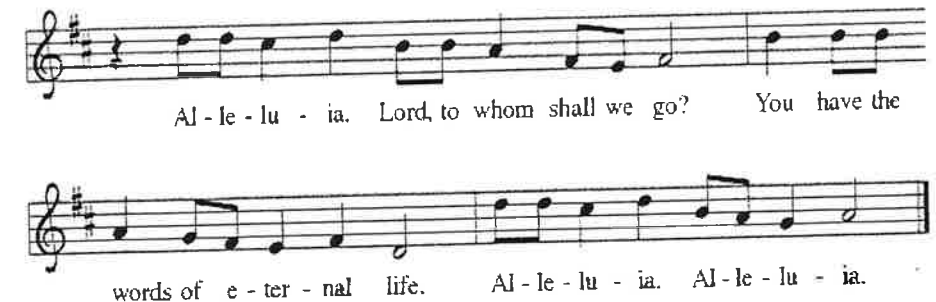
*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in
ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

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

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

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The Gospel is announced:

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is
calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will
ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to
those who call.*

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rob Mahnke

HYMN OF DAY

Day By Day

ELW 790

*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*

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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

L: Let us pray... Lord of the harvest,

**C: 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

2025 BLESSING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS, KITS AND WORKERS

L: O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with many gifts—the ability to sew, organize, communicate, and collaborate for the benefit of Lutheran World Relief and everyone it serves. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts and kits we have made, to you.

C: We celebrate being the working hands of God.

L: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together and apart to make the quilts, donate materials and supplies, assemble, pack, deliver or contribute in any way. We give thanks for Naddene Pilgrim and her students in the Family and Consumer Science class at Prairie Central High School for sewing quilt tops. We give thanks for the Weedman United Methodist Church in Farmer City and all those who generously donate fabric and supplies. We also give grateful thanks and appreciation for Nancy Lasser, who has bound hundreds of quilts over the past years and is “retiring” from her service.

C: We celebrate generosity and community.

L: We send these quilts and kits as a sign of your love and blessing for each person who receives them, trusting they will be a source of comfort and hope amid disaster and fear. May the quilts and kits each recipient receives remind them they are a beloved child of God and make them feel cared for and loved.

C: We celebrate hope during life's trials.

L: We pray today that:

-the 66 Quilts give warmth from the cold or shelter from the sun;

-the 15 School Kits give children encouragement for learning;

-the 8 Fabric Kits give opportunity to those who sew to earn a living; and

-the 23 Personal Care Kits provide cleanliness and health to those who receive them.

L: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all our being. Draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

C: Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition: L: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

* BLESSING

L: 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.

C: Amen.

* HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

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*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE