

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalms 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

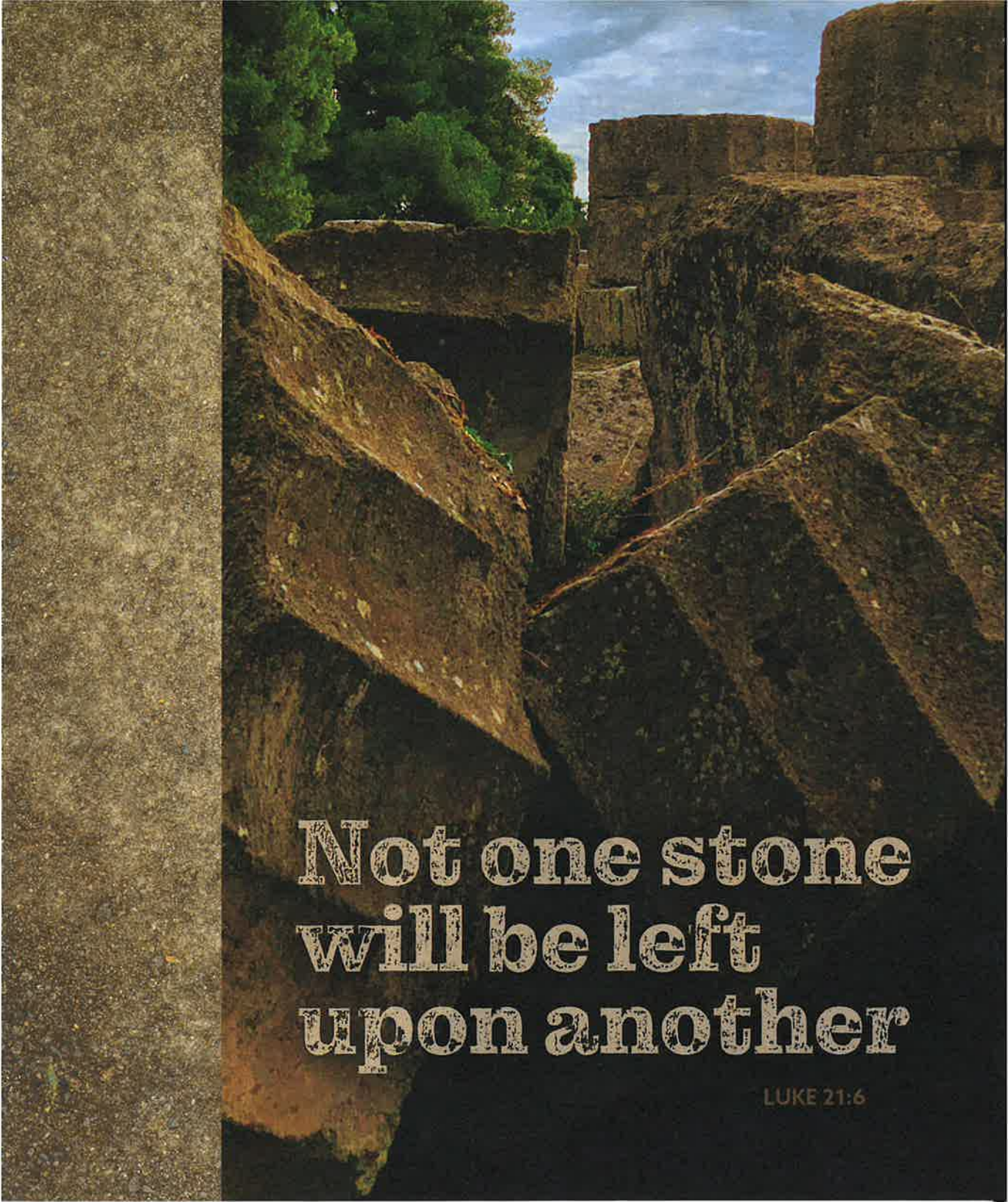
Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

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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 extend a warm welcome to those around you.

**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. **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**, (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, November 16, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Janelle Hoffman

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Kasen Casson, Zane Hoffman

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

## Sunday, November 23, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Erin Ifft

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

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.

## *Announcements*

**Please mark these Holiday events on your calendar for the coming weeks:**

- **Immanuel will not have a Thanksgiving Service this year.**
- **The Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:30 pm, with Marcia Buchs leading worship.**
- **The Sunday School Christmas Service will be Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am**
- **We will have a special Hanging-of-the-Greens service on December 14 at 9:00 am.**

**Choir will be rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 8:10 am** to prepare for the Advent and Christmas season. Anyone who would like to join them is welcome.

**Donations are now being accepted in the container near the Baptismal Font for a New Shoe Project** that we are participating in with the assistance of Ridgeview Elementary. Many of the kids going to school are in need of shoes due to any number of circumstances their families are currently facing. In the next few weeks, a small Christmas Tree with Shoe selections will be available and designated for specific individuals: boy or girl and size. We may choose to take an ornament and shop for the shoes, or consider a cash donation to allow someone to shop for you. More information will be available soon.

***Additional Announcements can be found on the opposite page.***

*Please remember, all requests for donations toward any project of Immanuel are always voluntary, as we recognize each of us has been blessed with a variety of gifts but we are not all able contribute in every event. Your prayers are also an important part of our ministry. We thank you for your support in every way possible.*

## ~Announcements~

**The Matthew 25 Project is available to any member** who wishes to contribute to their favorite charity whether it is connected to our congregation projects or not. Each member is allowed to have cash donations up to \$300 matched, or they may apply for “sweat equity” matching for service projects. Please see any member of the Mission Committee for answers to any questions: Marcia Buchs, Louann Harms, Jerry Kukuck, Connie Petersen, Lexi Morgan.

**Many children who receive services through The Baby Fold would not receive Christmas gifts without your generosity.** This year they anticipate the needs of children to be even greater than ever. There are two ways in which you can help: Adopt a list from a child or donate the cost of a list and they will do the shopping for you. Each child has written their list with the top 2-3 items they are wishing for, with an average cost of \$80 per list. They also need volunteers to help with packing and distribution of gifts.

**For those who receive email bulletins and newsletters, an attachment has been included with additional information. For those who would like more information about this program, please contact Kelsey McNamara or Cindy Wilson.**

**LWR Quilts** - 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.

**WANTED: A Volunteer to coordinate the LWR School Kit project next year.** Short term commitment: communicate the need for supplies and coordinate the assembly of kits. It would also be a great opportunity for a high school student. Please see Dee Winterland if interested or for questions.

### **Youth Works Mission Trip Summer 2026**

The high school youth have been discussing a mission trip opportunity next summer through Youth Works. There will be an informational parent/student meeting after worship on November 16th. We will discuss dates, details, and our next steps. Our youth have attended Youth Works mission trips in the past and we are excited to be going again! For more information on Youth Works, visit [youthworks.com](http://youthworks.com). Please let Erin Ifft know if you have any questions or if you can't attend the meeting, but are interested in going on the trip!

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

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 -*

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 in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

**ELW 597**

\*GREETING

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.**

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is  
strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler  
and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,  
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

Malachi 4:1-2a

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Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that  
day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine  
on those who honor God.

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

PSALM

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your  
righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king,  
the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy  
before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the  
nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other  
members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they  
want to eat, they need to work.

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


Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW, page 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

**Luke 21:5-19**

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*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

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

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events.  
Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be  
given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Congregation may be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

***When Peace, Like a River***

**ELW 785**

\*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... God of healing and hope,

**C: 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.**

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.*

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all  
who are in need.

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

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and  
unyielding love; 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.**

\*BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son 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.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

***My Lord, What a Morning***

**ELW 438**

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE