

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Psalm 46

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

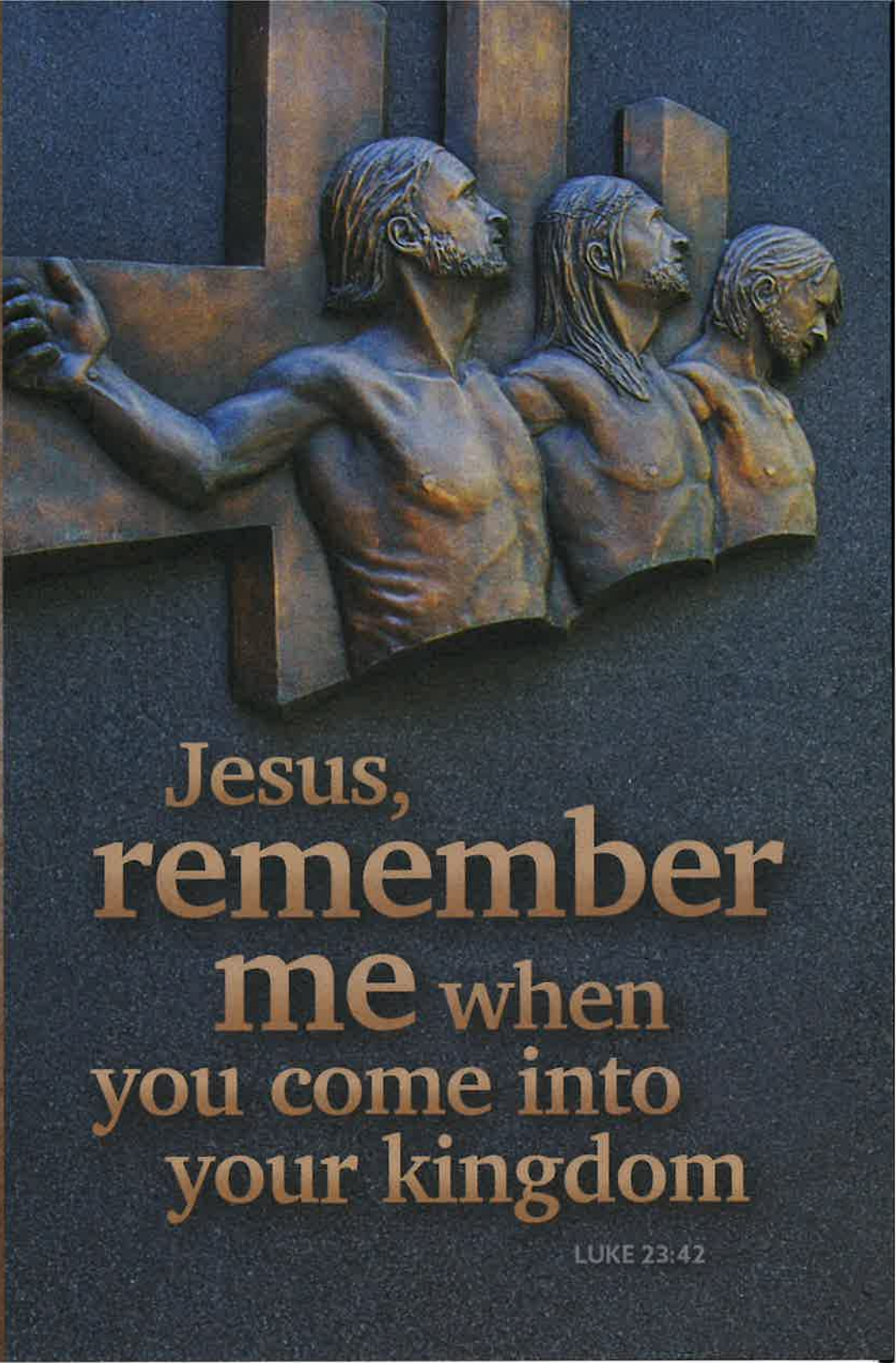
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things

visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”



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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 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, November 23, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD

Lay Reader: Erin Ifft

Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, November 30, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR ED HUDESLSON

Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil

Greeters: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck

Ushers/Acolytes: Dan & Ty Harms

Communion: na

Organist: Kimberly Petersen

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 21st at 9:00 am**
- **We will have a special Hanging-of-the-Greens service on December 14 at 9:00 am.**

Sharon Hardesty will be undergoing corneal replacement in both eyes. The date for the first eye to be done is February 3, 2026 at Carle in Champaign. Pre- and post-operative procedures will require at least 15 trips back and forth from Colfax to Champaign. Her family is looking for someone who would be available to drive her to these doctor appointments. They will pay the current rate for a driver. If you or someone you know might be a reliable driver for Sharon, please contact Cindy Wilson at 309-825-4099. If calling, please leave a message.

The High School Luther League will host the Annual Hot Cocoa Bar on Sunday, December 7 after worship. Donations of canned goods or non-perishables will be accepted to contribute to the Ridgeview Food Drive.

Additional Announcements can be found on the opposite page.

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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.

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.

Youthworks Mission Trip 2026 – New Update!

The high school youth will be going on a Youthworks Mission Trip to Indianapolis, IN June 21st-26th, 2026. All high school students are encouraged to consider this opportunity! From personal experience, this trip will be worth taking a week out of your summer to serve others and grow spiritually. Anyone that plans to attend needs to let Erin Ifft know by Sunday, November 30th. Anyone with questions or that would like an informational packet can contact Erin, 815-848-1090 or eriniff1025@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

***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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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.

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Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMPsalm 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 of 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.

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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

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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.

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The Gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

*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

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

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE