

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
ELW Hymn 841

*APOSTLES’ CREED
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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you

OFFERTORY - "Andante" by Mary Murrell Faulkner

*OFFERING SONG
“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”
ELW Hymn 184

*OFFERING PRAYER
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS - “Holy, Holy, Holy”
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God our Mother, we give thanks, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son...
...with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever,

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

*LORD’S PRAYER
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God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION
At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God’s living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION HYMN
“Lamb of God”
“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”
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ELW Hymn 871

*TABLE BLESSING
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

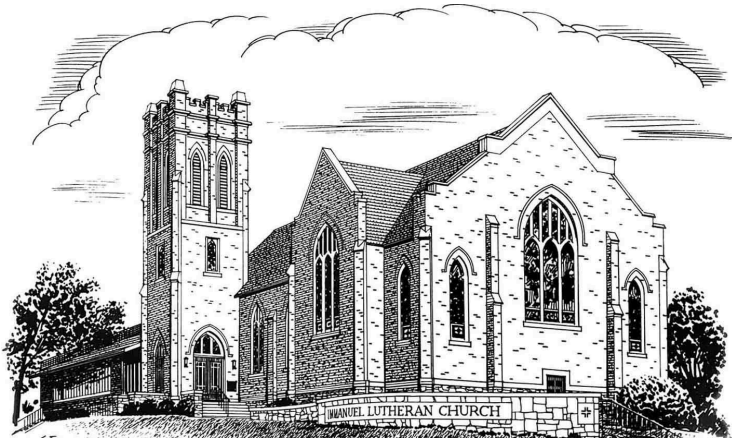
*SENDING HYMN
“God of Grace and God of Glory”
ELW Hymn 705

*DISMISSAL
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - "Lo Ballo dell'Intorcias," by Antonio Valente (c. 1520- c. 1581)

Welcome to Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Immanuel Lutheran Church

October 18, 2026
10:00 AM



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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE -"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good," by David P. Dahl (b. 1937). Based on ELW 871

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“You Servants of God”

ELW Hymn 825

***GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***GLORIA**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live
in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you,

let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

2 I will go before you

and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron;

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

4 For the sake of my servant Jacob

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know me.

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

7 I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]



As - crite to the Lord hon - or and power.



1 Sing to the Lord | a new song;

sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**2 Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God’s salvation from | day to day.**

3 Declare God’s glory a- | mong the nations
and God’s wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

**6 Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. R**

9 Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

10 Tell it out among the nations: “The | Lord is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo- | ples with equity.”**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is
therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- |
ing, O Lord,**

for you come to | judge the earth.

13 You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our
prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just
as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your
sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that
you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they report about
us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God
from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the
coming wrath.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So
they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
“Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not
regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful
to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin
used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to
them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” 21 They answered, “Caesar’s.”
Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are
Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard this,
they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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