

# Immanuel Lutheran Church



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## Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost November 9, 2025



**AS WE GATHER**

### **Love and Traditions**

We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

## PRELUDE

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN**      “Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”      #914

*Please stand as you are able.*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 16:14*

**Pastor:**      This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People:**      **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Pastor:**      See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

**People:**      **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**

**Pastor:**      Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**People:**      **Let all that you do be done in love.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION      *Colossians 1:13–14*

**Pastor:**      The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

**People:**      **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

**People: we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **✠ WORD ✠**

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY** *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

**People: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**People: ♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

#### **ANTIPHON**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

**People: ♪ For He is our maker.**

## **VENITE** *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,  
and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✕ and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:**     The Lord be with you.

**People:**    **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**     Let us pray.  
Eternal Holy Spirit, who has called Your church through  
the Gospel into the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, protect  
Your chosen people. Sanctify us that we might hold fast to  
what is true, standing firm in Your eternal comfort and  
good hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**People:**    **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 3:1-15

*(The Lord announces His intentions to deliver Israel from slavery and mobilizes Moses to bear His name.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

*(Amid confusion and calamity, Paul exhorts believers to cling to his faithful teaching and the hope of Christ.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE** Luke 20:38

**Alleluia, alleluia! He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 20:27-40

*(Jesus silences the scribes and Sadducees by witnessing of the God of the living.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED** *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #700

**SERMON** Pr. Mark Croucher

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN**      “We Give Thee But Thine Own”      #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:**      Great I Am, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai’s height,  
make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your  
clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love  
and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**      Great I Am, who heard the cries of Egypt’s slaves, shower Your  
mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression  
and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them  
comfort and deliverance through the Gospel. Lord, in Your  
mercy,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**      Great I Am, who mobilized Moses to bear Your name as a  
witness to Your ancient people, provide such servants for Your  
people today. Call pastors, missionaries, deaconesses,  
teachers, and ministers of Your Word, provide for their training  
and care, and preserve them in their callings from failure, fear,  
and burnout. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who faced the Sadducees' interrogation about marriage, strengthen and support all Christian marriages. Supply them Your holy wisdom, defend them from evil attacks, and hold them in Your faithful hand, that they might trust they never walk alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. Bring Your healing and comfort to Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

**People:**    **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Pastor:**    The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:**    ♫ **Amen.**

**HYMN**       “Lord, of Glory, You Have Bought Us”                   #851

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **THE MESSENGER**

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**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:**       Pr. Mark Croucher  
                                      Dan Henggeler, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is "**The Name on the Front**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.  
(Romans 12:5-6) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.