

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## — GATHERING —

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ In gratitude for God's goodness  
and mindful of his unending generosity and our feeble response,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

☐ Gracious God,

☑ In love you spread good gifts before us,  
more than we need or deserve.

You feed, heal, teach, and save us.

We confess that we always want more;

that we never share as freely as you give.

We resent what we lack, and are jealous of our neighbors.

We misuse what you intend for joy.

God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness.

In your mercy,

help us to take such pleasure in your goodness

that we will always be thanking you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and  
ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

### \*HYMN, “We Praise You, O God”

LBW Hymn 241

1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;

Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,

And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer

And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

### \*GREETING

☐ 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.

### \*DIALOG

☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

☑ For in your wisdom you have formed us.

☐ You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

☑ We bless you and praise your name forever.

☐ You set free those who are bound.

☑ We bless you and praise your name forever.

☐ You raise up those whose courage falters.

**C** We bless you and praise your name forever.

**P** You provide for our every need.

**C** Accept our grateful praises.

**P** You have called us from all peoples.

**C** We rejoice and bless your name forever.

**P** You bless your people with peace.

**C** We bless you and praise your loving grace.

**P** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

**C** For in your wisdom you have formed us.

**\*HYMN, “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**LBW Hymn 534**

1. Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm  
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together . . .

**C** Almighty God our Father,  
your generous goodness comes to us new every day.  
By the work of your Spirit  
lead us to acknowledge your goodness,  
give thanks for your benefits,  
and serve you in willing obedience;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CHOIR, “Thanksgiving Joy”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”**

1. Praise him! Praise him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!  
Praise him! Praise him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!

2. Thank him! Thank him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!  
Thank him! Thank him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!

3. Serve him! Serve him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!  
Serve him! Serve him, all you little children!  
God is love. God is love!

— WORD —

**FIRST READING, Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM 100**

℣ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

☩ **Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

℣ Know that the LORD is God.

☩ **It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

℣ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

☩ **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

℣ For the LORD is good;

☩ **His steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**SECOND READING, Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN, “Come, Ye Thankful People” (v. 1) LBW Hymn 407**

Come, you thankful people, come;

Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God’s own temple, come,

Raise the song of harvest home.

**\*GOSPEL, John 6:25-35**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

📌 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📌 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*HYMN, “Come, Ye Thankful People” (v. 4) LBW Hymn 407**

Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To your final harvest home.  
Gather all your people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.  
Come, with all your angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home!

**SERMON**

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**\*HYMN, “Before You, Lord, We Bow”**

**LBW Hymn 401**

1. Before you, Lord, we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow’r and love.  
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise to you, our king!

2. The nation you have blest  
May well your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by your care.  
For this bright day, for this fair land —  
Gifts of your hand — our thanks we pay.

3. May ev’ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in your Word’s pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev’ry tongue be tuned to praise  
And join to raise a grateful song.

4. Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;  
Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship him alone.  
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,  
And bow before the Crucified.

5. And when in pow’r he comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng, with joy to sing  
To heav’n’s high king salvation’s song!

## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

**☞ I believe that God has created me  
and all that exists**

**He has given me and still preserves  
my body and soul with all their powers.**

**He provides me with food and clothing,  
home and family, daily work,  
and all I need from day to day.**

**God also protects me in time of danger  
and guards me from every evil.**

**All this he does out of fatherly  
and divine goodness and mercy,  
though I do not deserve it.**

**Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise,  
serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Martin Luther's Explanation of the First Article  
of the Apostles' Creed in his Small Catechism*

## \*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

**☞** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**☞ His love endures forever.**

**☞** Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**☞ Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

**☞** For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For marriage; for the union of husband and wife; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and their startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**☞ Thank you, God.**

**☞** For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive through Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

**☞ We praise you, God.**

**☞** For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**☞ We praise you, God.**

**☞** Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

**☞ We thank and praise you, God our Father,  
for all your goodness to us.**

**☞** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**☞ His love endures forever.**

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*HYMN, “*Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow*” Hymn 565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

LBW Page 87

☞ Merciful Father,  
☞ we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what you have first given us —  
our selves, our time, and our possessions,  
signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW Page 88

☞ The Lord be with you.  
☞ And also 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.

\*PROPER PREFACE

\*SANCTUS

LBW Page 89

☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LBW Page 89

\*LORD’S PRAYER

LBW Page 91

LAMB OF GOD

LBW Page 92

☞ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

\*LORD’S PRAYER

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COMMUNION

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Communion, the congregation sings:*

LBW Page 92, “Lamb of God”

LBW Hymn 561, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

WOV Hymn 771, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

WOV Hymn 760, “For the Fruit of All Creation”

HYMN, “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”

LBW Hymn 561

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind’s delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

5. For yourself, best gift divine  
To the world so freely giv’n;  
Agent of God’s grand design,  
Peace on earth and joy in heav’n:  
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

HYMN, “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

WOV Hymn 771

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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**HYMN, “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

**WOV Hymn 760**

1. For the fruit of all creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to ev’ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor,  
God’s will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God’s will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God’s will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.



**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

**LBW Page 92**

**P** The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.  
**G Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE, “Thankful hearts and voices . . .”** **LBW Page 92**

**G Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
Tell everyone what he has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises  
and leads his people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LBW Page 94**

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**G Amen.**

**— SENDING —**

**\*BLESSING**

**LBW Page 95**

**P** 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.  
**G Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**LBW Page 95**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**G Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LBW Hymn 543**

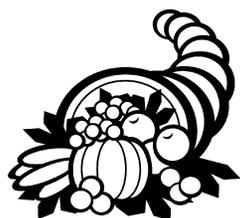
1. Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**POSTLUDE**



**WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today on our National Day of Thanksgiving. We especially welcome our visitors and family and friends who are visiting for the holiday. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

**GIVE A POINSETTIA** to add beauty to our sanctuary for our celebration of Advent and Christmas. You may provide your own poinsettia or give a gift of money and the congregation will purchase poinsettias for you. Please return a blue poinsettia gift form (available on the table in the social room) so that we can acknowledge your gift in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** from the NALC are available on the table in the library social room. You can also download them as an ebook or request daily emails to text messages at [www.thenalc.org/advent](http://www.thenalc.org/advent). You can watch a video recording of the devotional each day at [www.facebook.com/thenalc](http://www.facebook.com/thenalc).

**WE WILL BE DECORATING** our church building for Advent and Christmas after worship on Sunday. Please consider staying after worship to work together to beautify our place of worship.

**WE ARE GATHERING** clothing and shoes for the Whitewood Elementary School as an Advent and Christmas project. Please bring any gifts for the school to the church during the Advent season. Some gift ideas include sox, shoes, boots, gloves, mittens, underwear, sweat pants, shirts, coats, snow pants, and anything that a child might need.

**WHITEWOOD FESTIVAL OF TREES** is on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Whitewood Community Hall. Preview begins at 5 p.m. with the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. The festival is sponsored by the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce and the 8-10 Club. Proceeds support their work.