LAST SUNDAY
IN THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 23, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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> Sunday 9:00 A.M. Worship Service

> > 10:30 A.M.

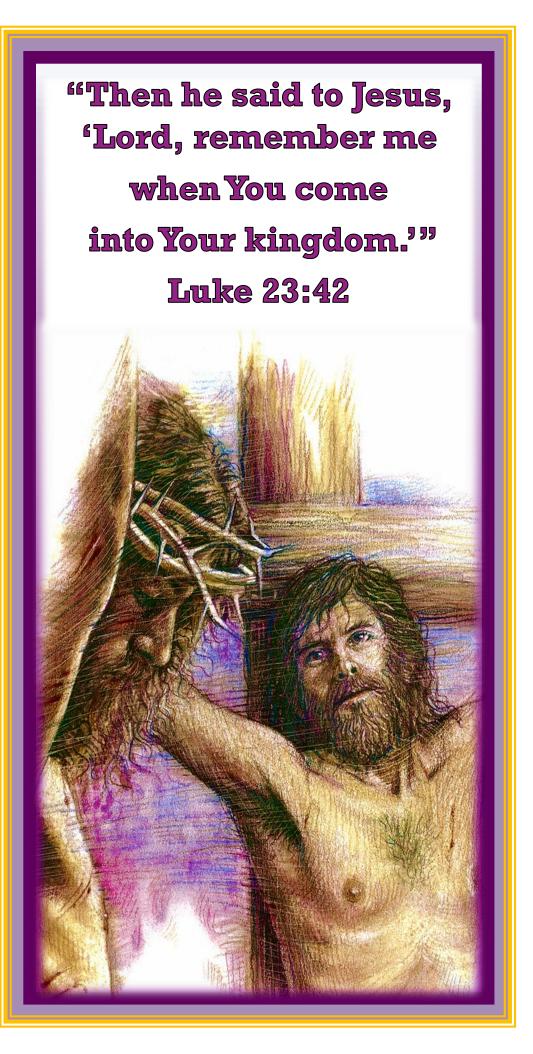
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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32). Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O Holy Trinity, You are God from everlasting to everlasting, Your kingdom stretches from shore to shore, and by the cross of Christ, You are reconciling all things to Yourself. Surround me with Your expansive Gospel, that just as You separate me from my sin as far as the east is from the west, You would gather those from every language and locale to confess You: Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, and join You in paradise. In Your holy name I

pray. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

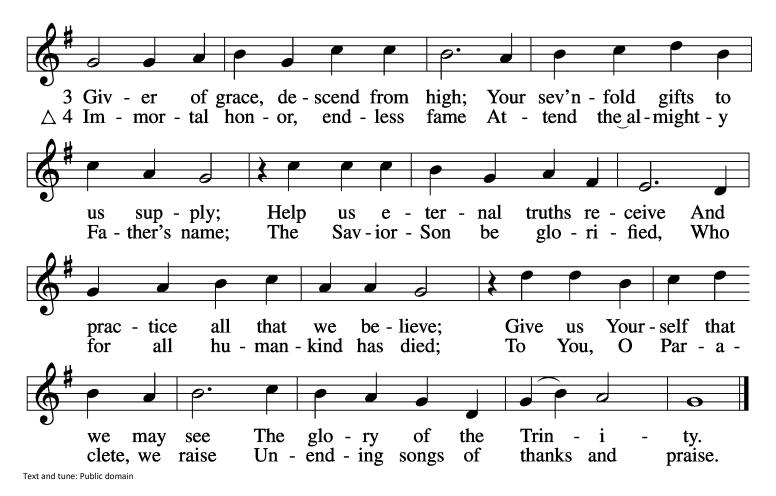
DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**





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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8 **INTROIT**

- Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world P stand in awe of Him.
- \mathbf{C} Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who by night stand in the house of the Lord!
- Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. P
- \mathbf{C} The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!
- P Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

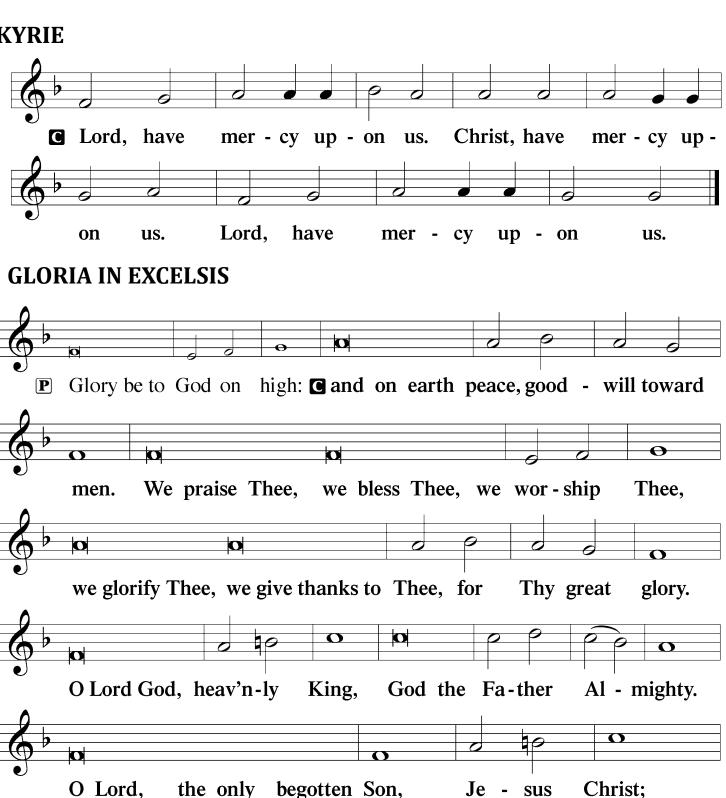
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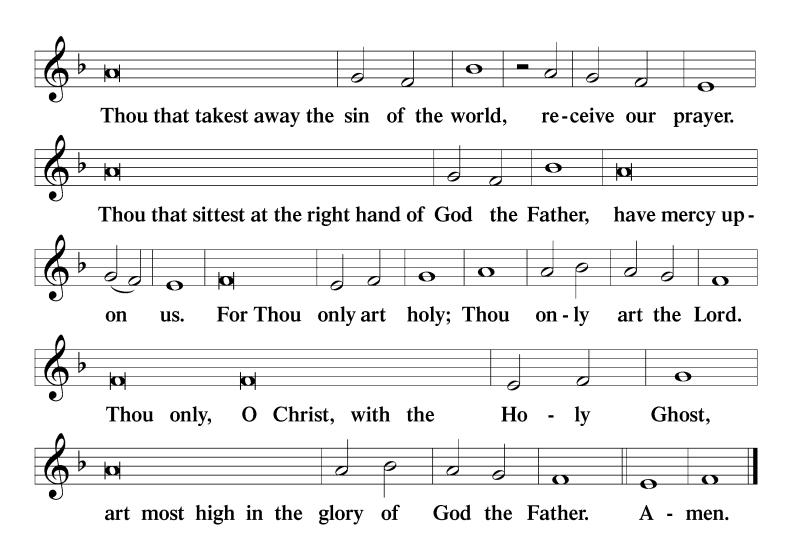
O Lord God, Lamb of God,

 \mathbf{O}

Father,

us.

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on



SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:13–18*

(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring "they shall be Mine.")

13 "Your words have been harsh against Me," says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' 14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the Lord of hosts? 15 So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free.'"

16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

- P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- C God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- P Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- C Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.
- P $_{_{8}}$ There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the

- holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
- C God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.
- P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
- C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- P Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolations in the earth.
- C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.
- P Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
- C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:13–20

(By His blood, the Christ who holds all things together also holds us in His kingdom.)

- 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.
- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



- 27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!'
- 30 Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" '
- 31 For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"
- 32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

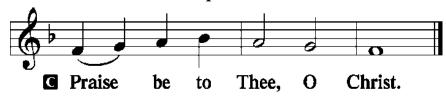
And they divided His garments and cast lots. 35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." 38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin. and Hebrew:

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven

and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

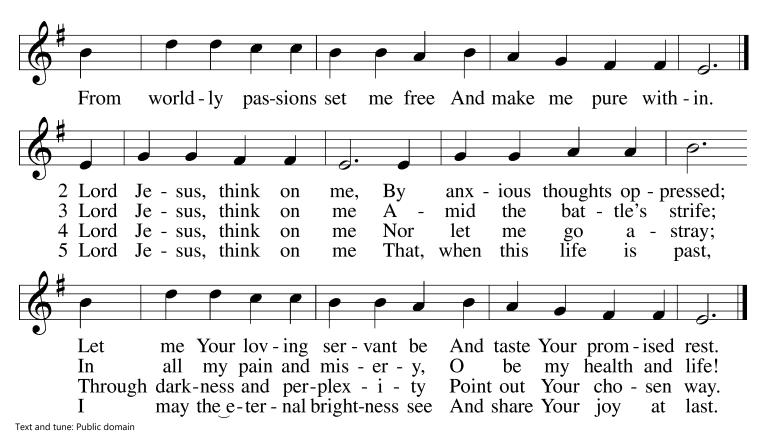
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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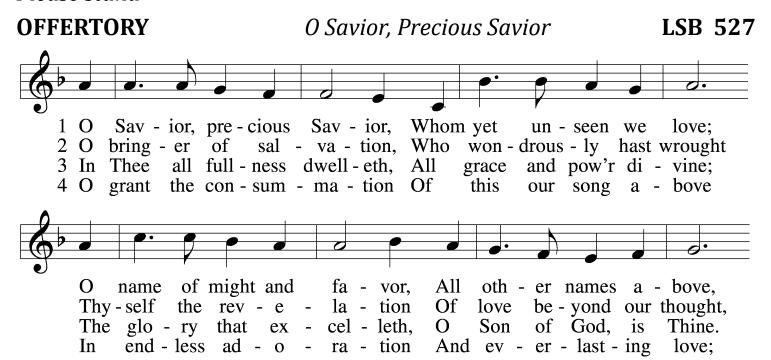




SERMON "Savior, remember me also when You come in Your Kingdom!" Luke 23:42

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you" [Americ

[American Sign Language]

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rhonda VanLoo

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As those delivered to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confidently approach His throne of grace with our prayers and intercessions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P King of all creation, the whole earth is full of Your glory, and we are awed by Your creative majesty. Deepen our appreciation of Your care and keeping and dedicate us as faithful stewards of Your earthly gifts. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C love us and lead us, O King.

P King of love, You devote Yourself to Your people and never fail to keep Your commitments. Bless those who have committed themselves to one another in Christian marriage that their relationships might be reflections of Your heart. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C touch us and teach us, O King.

P King of kindness and grace, who attends to our hurts of body and soul, show compassion to all who are facing sorrow, sickness, or adversity, embracing them in Your tender care, [especially . . .]. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C hear us and heal us, O King.

P King of Your church, You uphold all those who serve in Your name. Grant holy satisfaction to those who volunteer their time and offer their gifts to our congregation. Raise up others to serve and prevent us from stealing Your glory for ourselves. For the sake of Your kingdom,

C prepare us and protect us, O King.

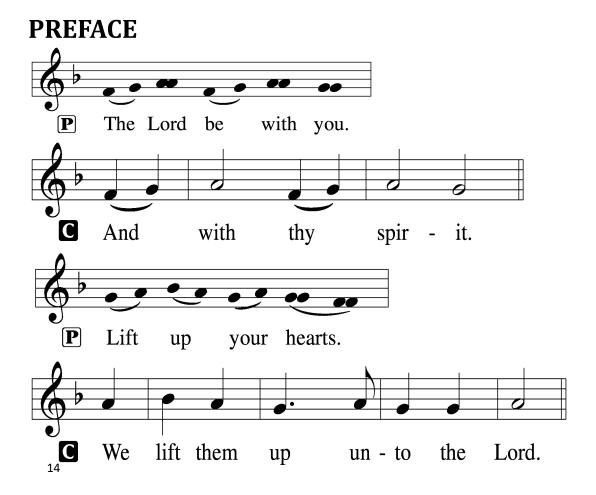
P King of justice, You rule Your world with wisdom and faithfulness. Give those chosen as our earthly authorities patience, perspective, and a heart that pursues Your will, that we might be led into peaceable prosperity. For the sake of Your kingdom,

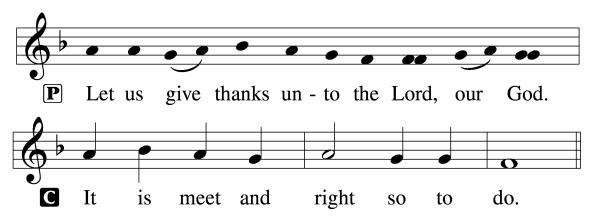
C defend us and direct us, O King.

P King of all kings, You have authority over all things. Allow us to see Your authority as a blessing, that we might recognize Your preeminence in our lives and rest in Your merciful rule, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

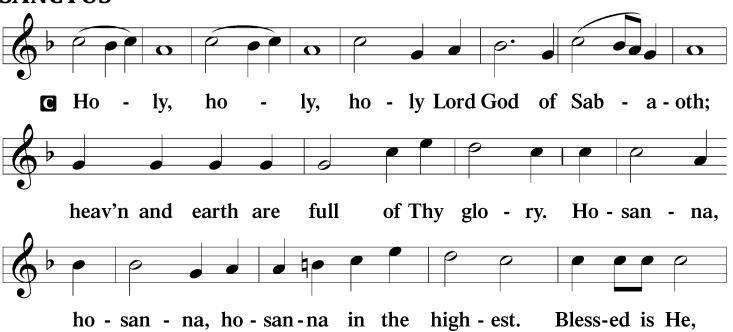
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





P It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial that we would give thanks to You in every time and place, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom all things were created, and to whom all powers and dominion owe honor and obedience. Yet, it was Christ who humbled Himself, suffered in our place, and by the blood of His cross, made peace between God and humanity. He rose as the firstborn from the dead and was crowned with eternal glory. We eagerly anticipate the consummation of His redeeming work, as He gathers believers of every tribe and tongue, together with angels and archangels, to bless and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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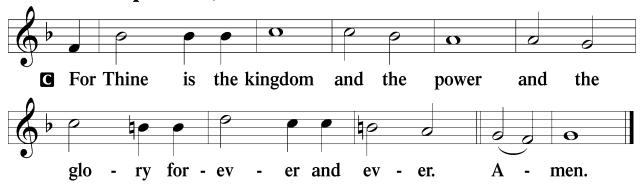
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, inremembrance of Me."

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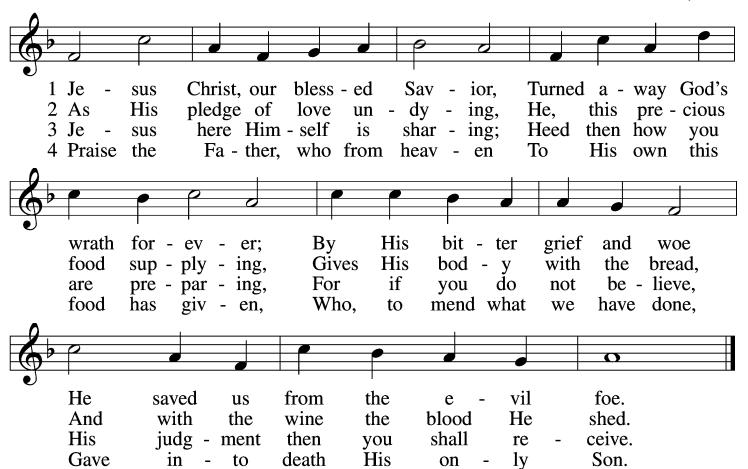
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly

table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627 vs. 1-4,8-10



- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
 If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food
 If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you

How much God's wondrous love can do.

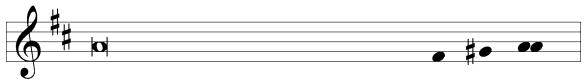
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THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



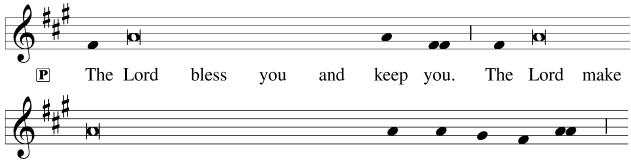
P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that on this side of paradise we would dedicate ourselves to announcing Your righteous rule as witnesses of Your glory and servants of Your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.



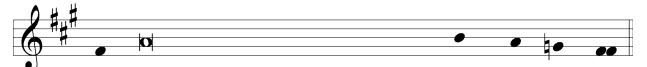
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BENEDICTION



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,



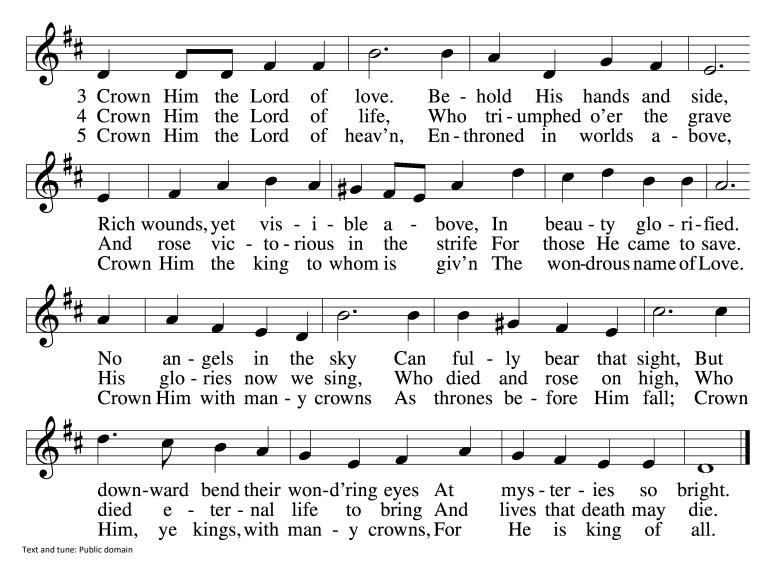
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- >Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.
- >Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.
- > Plastic caps are no longer being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class Fridays at 12 noon.
- > Church Council Budget/Nominating Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 7:30p.m.
- > Immanuel Lutheran School:- No classes: November 24 thru 28
- > Turkey Distribution will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 3 p.m.

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- > Men's Night/Bible Study will be Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 6 p.m. (Sign-up sheet posted on church door)
- > Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. (Followed by pie social; bring your favorite pie)
- > Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 27 & 28.

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Sermon Notes

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| Sunday Worship | 48 | | |
| Plate: | | \$ | 975.00 |
| Envelopes: | | \$ 2 | 2,356.00 |
| Other Income: Donations | | \$ | 485.00 |
| Tithely/On-Line | | \$ | 593.00 |
| Memorials: Kenneth Miller | • | \$ | 500.00 |
| Ruth Hoppe Little | | \$ | 101.01 |

Total:

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Bible Class:

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14
Matthew 21:1-11 or
Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. "They shall be mine," He says, "and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him" (Mal. 3:17). Jesus' service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining "the distinction between the righteous and the wicked" (Mal. 3:18). He truly is "the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith "weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Col. 1:15). "All things were created through him and for him" (Col. 1:16), and "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself "by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19–20).

Memory Verse Challenge: Revelation 2:10

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | November Sunday Servants: | December Sunday Servants: | | |
| Elder: | Earl Neuhaus | Ken Eilers | | |
| Altar Guild: | L Estevanes/M Weber L | Machant/D Jackson/ I Aguilera | | |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | | | |
| This Week | Last Sunday of the Church Year | | | |
| Usher: | Dan Wehling | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Sen | evice 9:00 am | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible S | tudy 10:30 am | | |
| Next Week | First Sunday in Advent | | | |
| Usher: | Byron Terral | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Sen | evice 9:00 am | | |
| 24 | Sunday School & Adult Bible S | tudy 10:30 am | | |