Immanuel Lutheran Church
Waterloo, Illinois

Last Sunday of the Church Year



Saturday, November 21, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

"Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship, we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Divine Service, Setting Three
(*Lutheran Service Book*, pg. 184)

Preservice Music

Bells

Welcome / Greeting

Please stand
Opening Hymn, *LSB* 515, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
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.
P 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.**
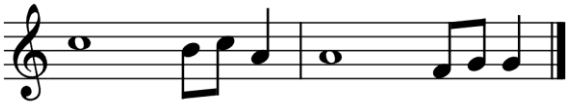
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.
C **Amen.**

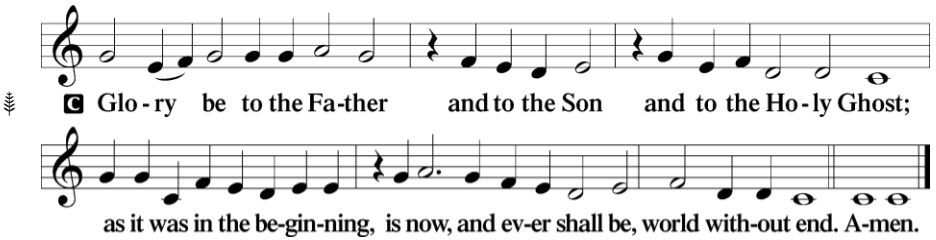
✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



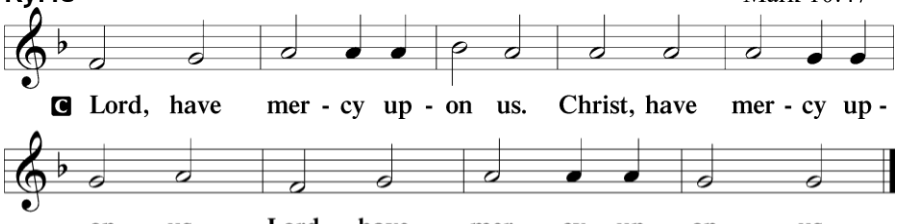
The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.*
Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!
And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!



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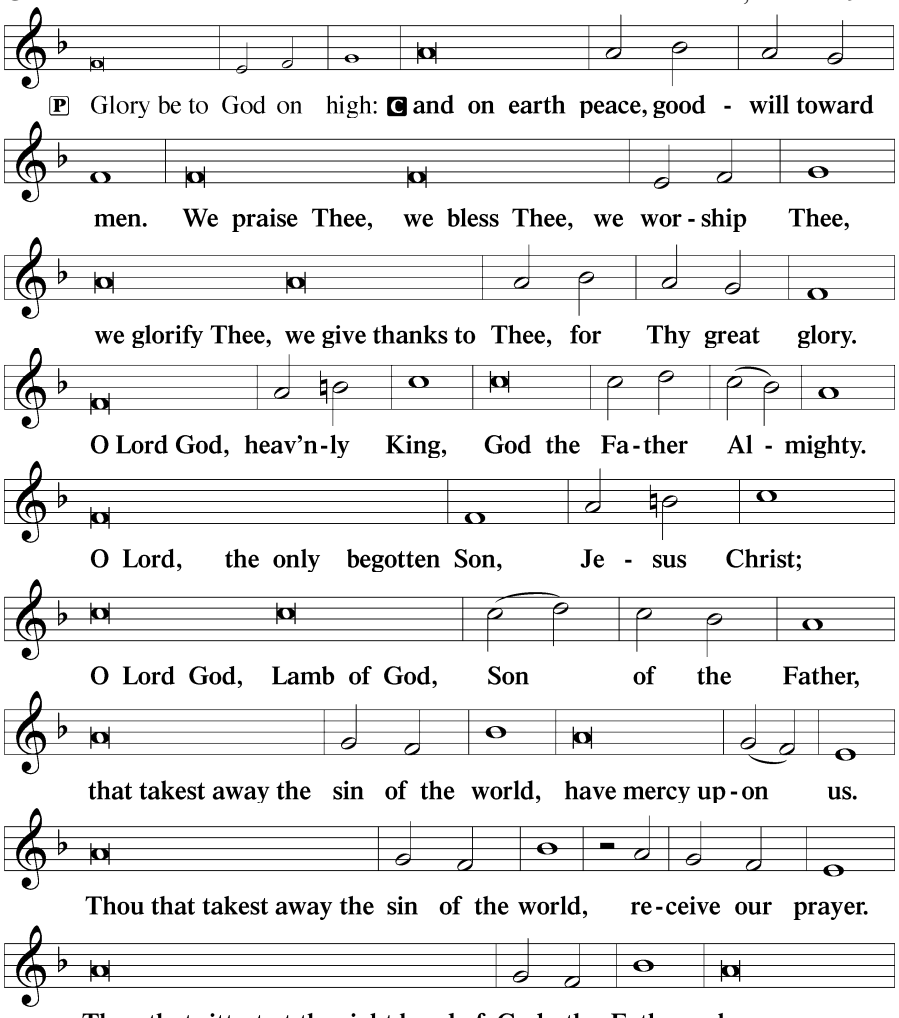
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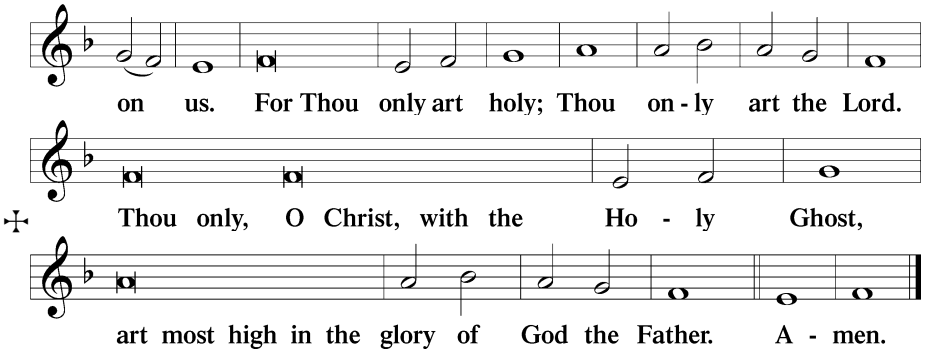
Mark 10:47
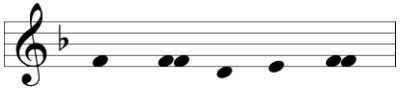


Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29
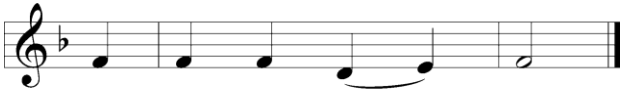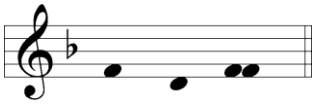




Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22





℗ O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

17"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not
be remembered or come into mind. 18But be glad and rejoice forever in that
which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a
gladness. 19I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall
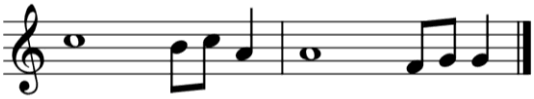
be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. [20]No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. [21]They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. [22]They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. [23]They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. [24]Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. [25]The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 45:14-15



In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
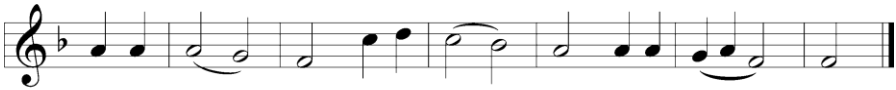
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**
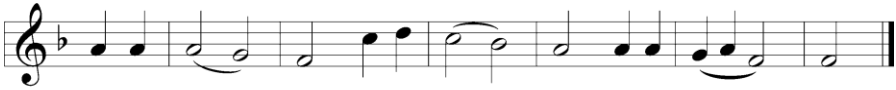
Please stand

Alleluia & Verse

Revelation 21:2
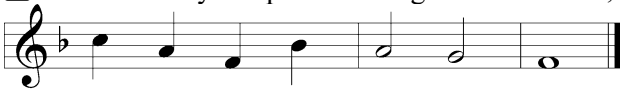


P I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



Holy Gospel

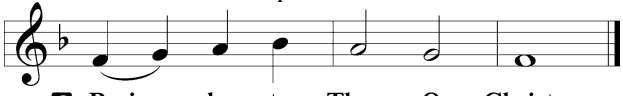
Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C **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 worshipped 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.

Please be seated

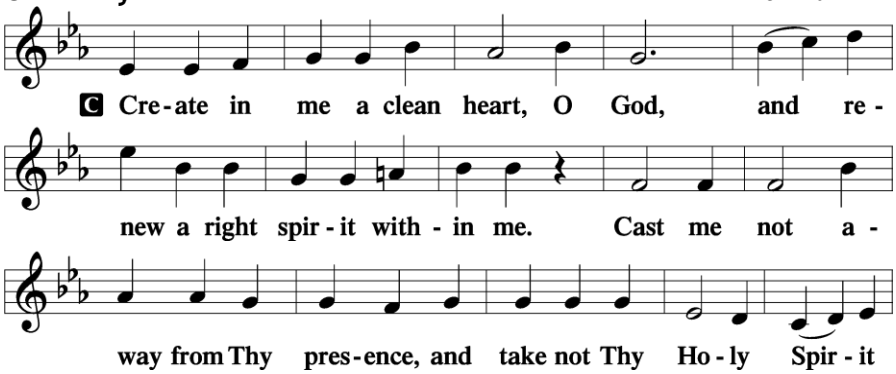
Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

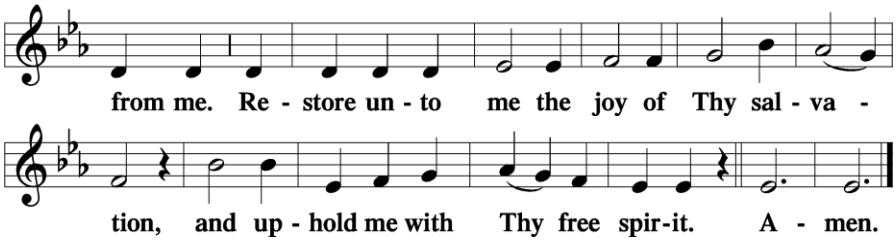
Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 516, "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Sermon

Please stand

Offertory Psalm 51:10-12





Please be seated

Offering

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P *(Special petitions…)* Lord, in Your mercy,

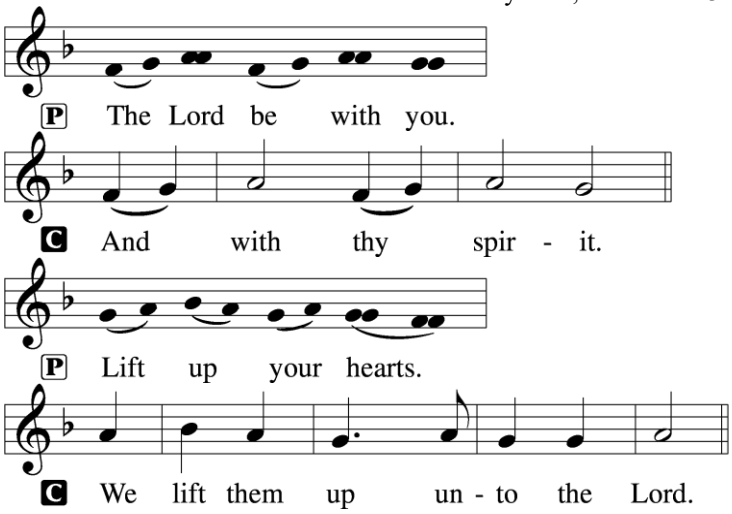
C **hear our prayer.**

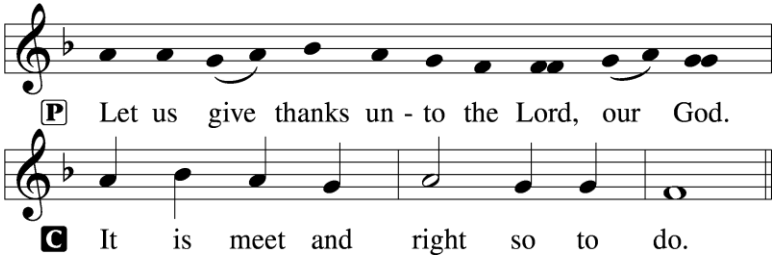
✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



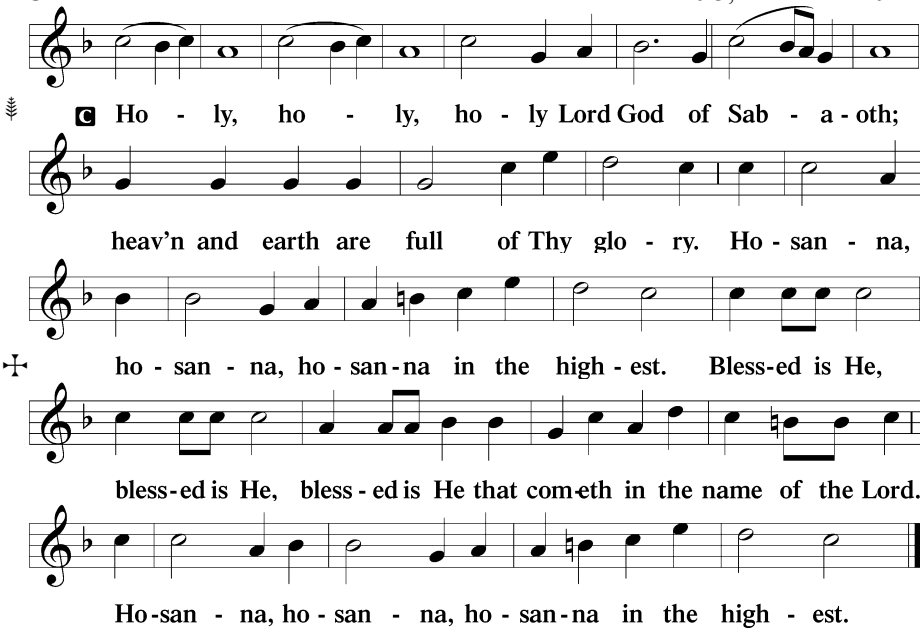


Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
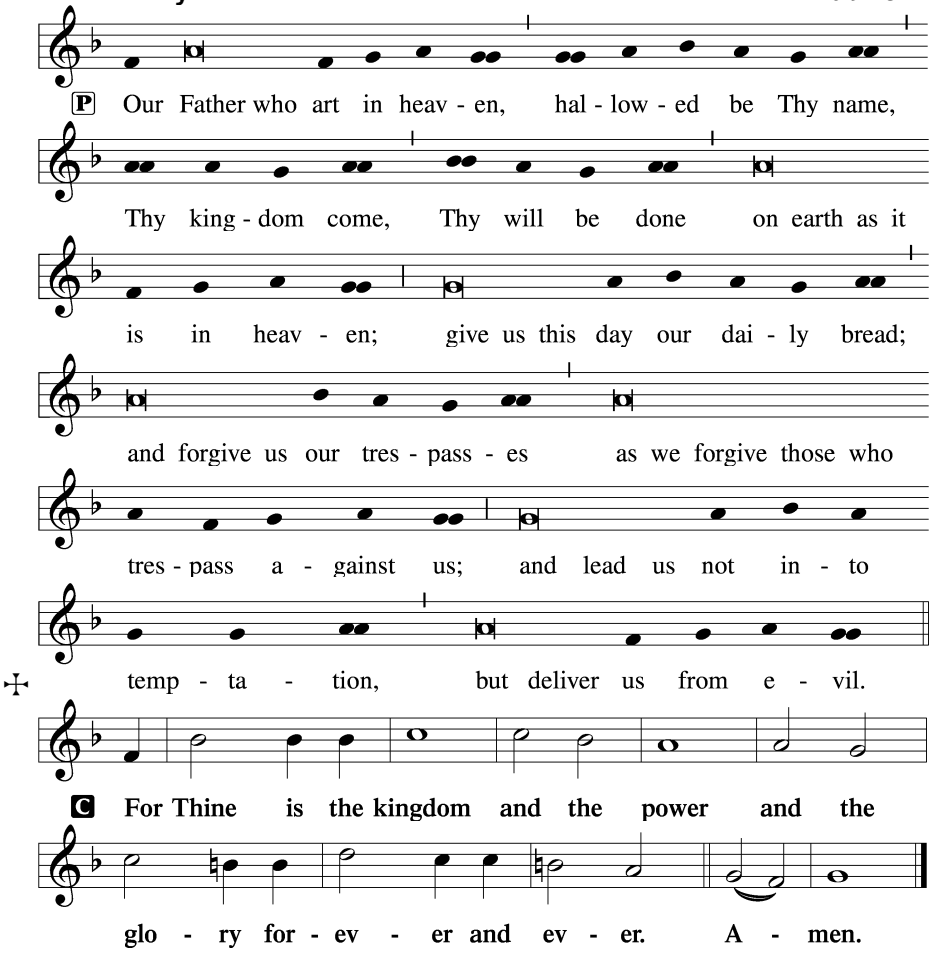
Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Lord's Prayer

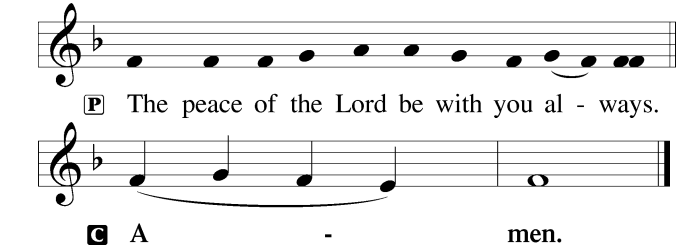
Matthew 6:9-13



The Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

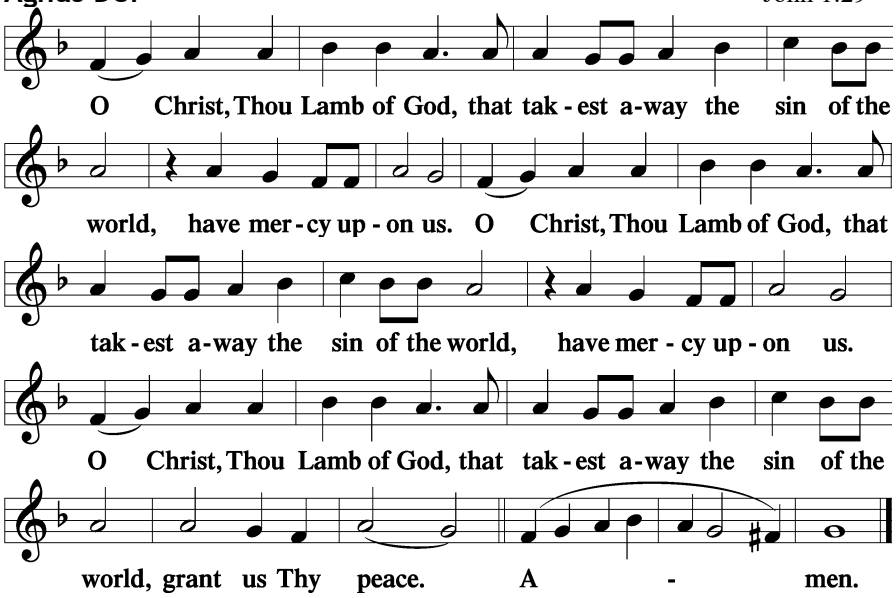
Pax Domini

John 20:19



Agnus Dei

John 1:29



Please be seated

Distribution

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LSB 514, "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"
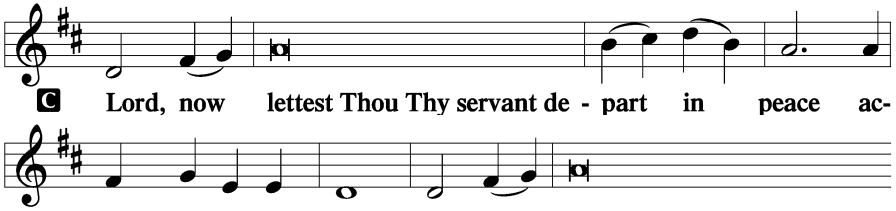
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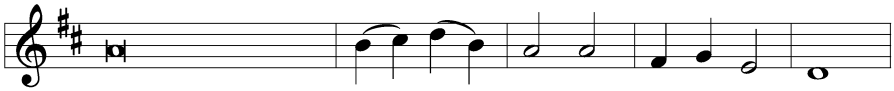
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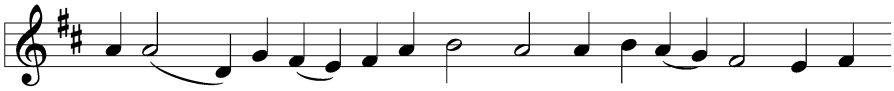
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
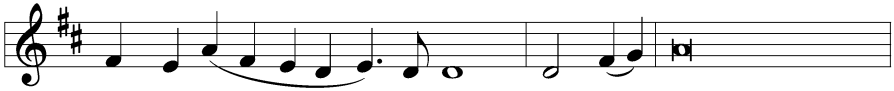
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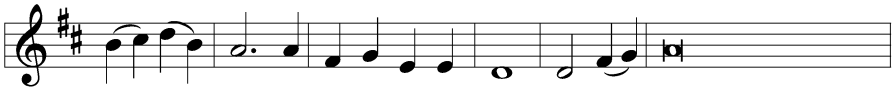
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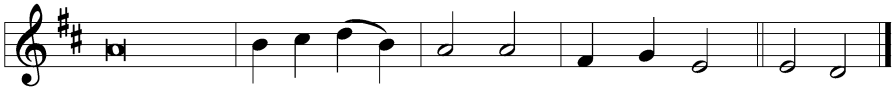






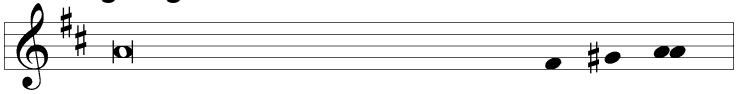


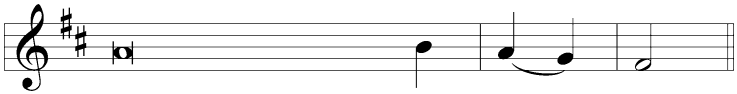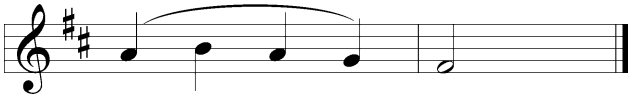




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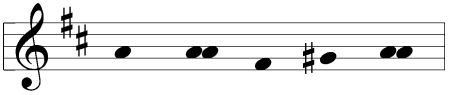
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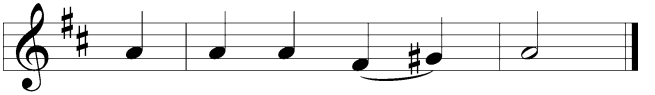




P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
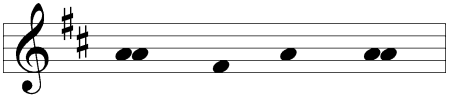




P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
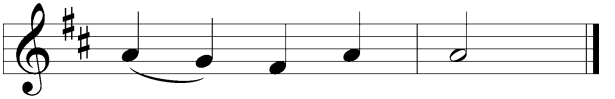


C **And with thy spir - it.**

Benedicamus



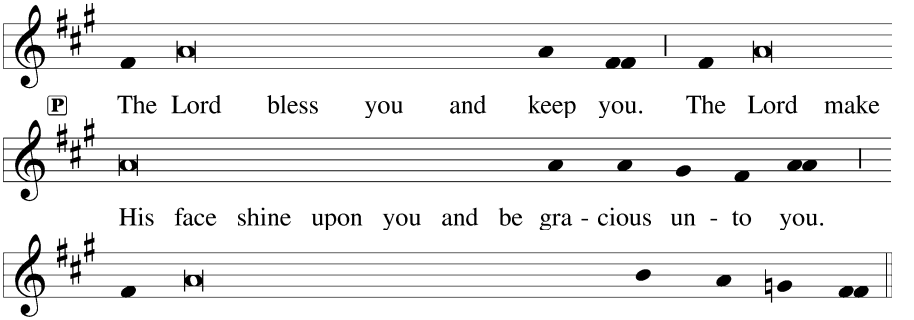
A Bless we the Lord. Psalm 103:1



C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Closing Hymn, *LSB* 663, "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Bells / Postlude

Worship Helpers

Saturday, November 21, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Server - Ranley Killian
Altar Guild - Cally Killian
Organist - Sarah Koester
Acolyte - Avery Griffin
Media - Loralei Griffin & Quinn Menke

Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 7:45 a.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Don Birrittier & Rodney Clamors
Acolytes - Case & Tripp Gardner
Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Don Birrittier
Altar Guild - Barbara Altes
Ushers - Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer, Glen Muench
Media - AJ Helms

Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.
Pastor - Rev. Benjamin Hayter
Servers - Don Birrittier & Seth Weinberg
Acolytes - Jagger & Jase Gregory
Music Director - Ann Frank
Lector - Seth Weinberg
Altar Guild - Amy Kolweier
Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel, Kevin & Alex Whelan
Media/Facebook Live - Ashlyn/Cathy Whelan

Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 25, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Ushers - Kevin & Alex Whelan, Tripp Gardner, TJ Joellenbeck
Servers - Rodney Clamors & Jason Valerius
Acolytes - Olivia Simms & Kennedy Filipiak
Altar Guild - Jill & Myla Eggemeyer
Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

125th Anniversary Service #5 - Sunday, November 29, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Ushers - Allen Jacobs, Don Birrittier, Mason Wilhelm, Charlotte Rodenberg
Servers - Doug Simms & Seth Weinberg
Lector - Seth Weinberg
Acolytes - Alaina Stumpf & Ava Helms
Altar Guild - Ellen Heise
Media/Facebook Live - Nash Bradley

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Shut-in & Homebound Members

The Board of Community care is asking for the congregation's help by sending "thinking of you" cards to our shut-in & homebound members periodically. See the list below. Thank you!

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP
Binder, Nina	406 Avington	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Henry, Marvin	411 Janice Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Hitzemann, Judy	709 Mahala Drive	Waterloo, IL 62298
Horn, Leroy	623 Hamacher St., #411	Waterloo, IL 62298
Horn, Wanda	623 Hamacher St., #224	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jarvis, Beverly	623 Hamacher St, #201	Waterloo, IL 62298
Jones, Pat	246A Hamacher	Waterloo, IL 62298
Knoke, Gloria	735 Columbia Ave Apt 23	Waterloo, IL 62298
Lloyd, Charles & Phyllis	2658 State Route 156	Waterloo, IL 62298
Moore, Sandy	1602 Berkley Lane	Belleville, IL 62226
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Prange, Willa Mae	#7 Villa Court	Waterloo, IL 62298
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Prigge, Jackie	623 Hamacher St, #804	Waterloo, IL 62298
Wolf, Mary Ann	3 Arrowhead Court	Waterloo, IL 62298
Wynn, Georgia	735 Columbia Ave Apt 29	Waterloo, IL 62298


Thanksgiving
Service
Wednesday, November 25th
6:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
522 South Church St.
Waterloo, IL
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalm 100:4


Happy Thanksgiving
OFFICE HOURS
Wed., Nov. 25: 8 AM - 12 PM
Thurs., Nov. 26: Closed
Fri., Nov. 27: Closed

DAILY PRAYER

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Make haste, O God to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia.

The Hymn of the Season, or another appropriate hymn or psalm, may be sung or spoken.

The appointed reading from The Family at Prayer is read and discussed using the accompanying questions.

A portion of the Small or Large Catechism from The Congregation at Prayer is read and/or recited.

O Lord,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ,
have mercy upon us.
O Lord,
have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Prayers for others and ourselves

Concluding prayer:

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Week 2: November 22-28

Catechetical Theme: Thanking the Lord for Daily Bread

This week our country sets aside a day for her citizens to give thanks. This is good and salutary, but apart from Christ and His Word, we would not know to whom to give our thanks. Neither would we know all that we have for which we ought to be thankful. And so, in fact, it is the Church which properly sanctifies the day and makes it holy – *a holy-day – by her use of the Word of God and prayer. That is what we shall do this week, as the nation pauses from work to give thanks. We shall use the Word of God to be reminded of all the gifts that God freely gives, so that we might receive His gifts with thanksgiving, and give glory to our Father in heaven. Enjoy your family and your feasting, even as you remember and give thanks that all good gifts come from above. God bless your time in His Word.*

Catechism: The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

What is the Fourth Petition? *Pre+*

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? *1st+*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? *3rd+*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Readings for the Week

☐	November 23: Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes
☐	November 24: Tuesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15 – The Cheerful Giver
☐	**November 25: Wednesday**	**Luke 17:11-19 – The Ten Lepers**
☐	November 26: Thursday	John 6:47-51 – Daily Bread
☐	November 27: Friday	2 Thess. 3:10-12 – Provisions through Our Work
☐	November 28: Saturday	Luke 12:15-21 – The Rich Fool

Questions to Discuss in the Home and Classroom

For each day's reading, consider the following questions:

- Who is the giver of the gifts?
- What gifts does He give?
- How are the gifts given?
- How do the people respond?
- Is their response appropriate?
- How might this passage encourage our thanksgiving toward the Lord?

Verse of the Week: 2 Corinthians 9:10

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Hymn of the Season: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (332)