



25th Sunday after Pentecost
Immanuel Lutheran Church
November 10, 2024

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer.

We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family. We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.

We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk on your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Halle Halle Hallelujah

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WORD FOR KIDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL:

Go My Children with My Blessing vs. 1

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not

be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own,²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment,²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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GOSPEL READING: MARK 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 12. Glory to you, O Lord.

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸ As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Congregation may be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Steve Meyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

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APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to each prayer will be, “Lord, in your mercy,”

Congregation reply will be, “**Hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)

OFFERING RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (with intro)

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Lord You Give the Great Commission

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SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

Greeter: Lawrence and Judy Fruechte

Ushers: Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

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