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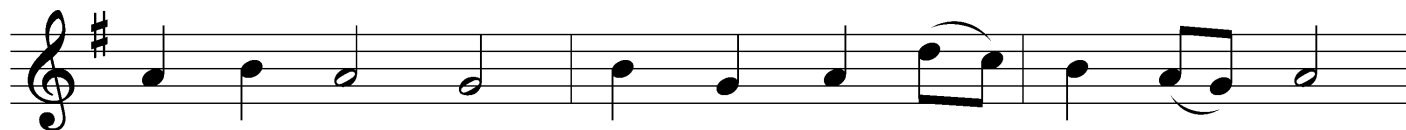


Opening Hymn #648 sts.1-4

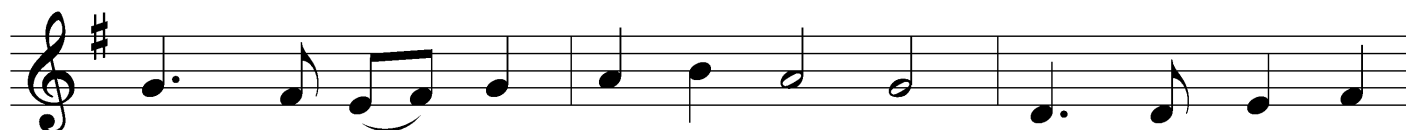
"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
2 Lord, your Word is clear and plain, and we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take your



mand o - bey - ing; with this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "He who is not born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Shine your heav'n - ly light a - new—
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here your throne;



in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
let this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it. Pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, can my king - dom not in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.

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Please stand.

Invocation & Confession

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

C: Amen.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

Sacrament of Baptism

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Laycie Mae Davis, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you intend to bring up Laycie in the way of the Lord and to instruct her in the truths of God's saving Word so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace all the days of her life? If you are willing to do so, answer: "Yes, and we ask God to help *us*."

Parents: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this child has been baptized into the family of believers, the holy Christian Church. It is our privilege and responsibility to care for the children of our congregation, to remember them in our prayers, to encourage their parents in their God-given work, and to demonstrate a Christian life. If you are willing to do so, answer: "Yes, and we ask God to help *us*."

C: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Laycie as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn #683

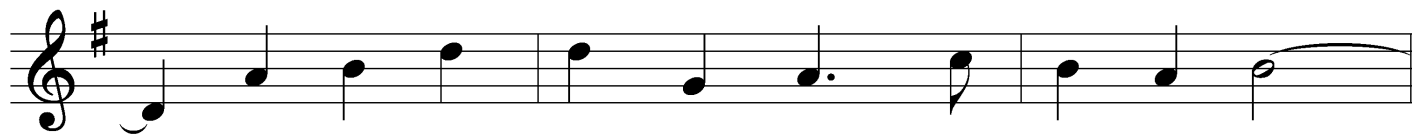
"We Know That Christ Is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

¹This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm #67A

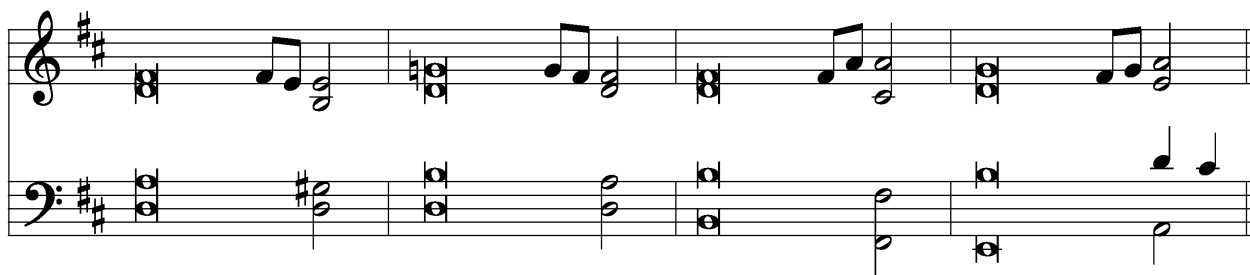
“Let the Peoples Praise You”

Refrain

Let the peo - ples praise you, O God, let
all the peo - ples praise you.

Psalm verses are printed on the next page.

Psalm
Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God;
may all the peoples / praise you.
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth.

Refrain

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.
May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:13



Refrain

C: 

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³ But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶ He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour. (EHV)

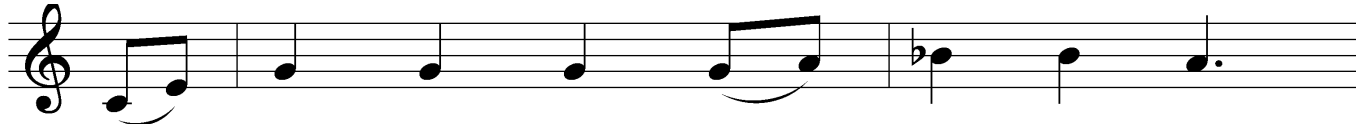
M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Hymn #860

"In Christ There Is No East or West"



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



in him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 in him we all are one. He loves us as his
 who died to set us free from sin, di - vi - sion,
 what - e'er your race may be; who serves my Fa - ther
 in him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through our faith in his dear Son.
 hate, and blame, from spite and en - mi - ty!
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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Sermon Text

St. Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

"Jesus Gives Great Faith"

Please stand.

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

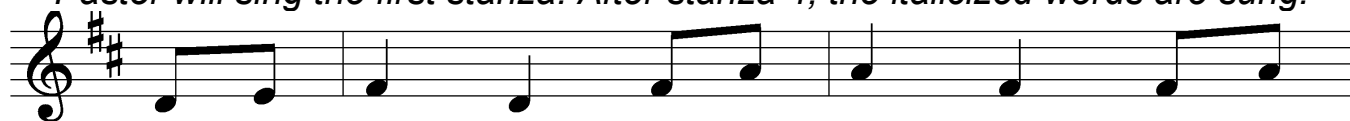
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated.

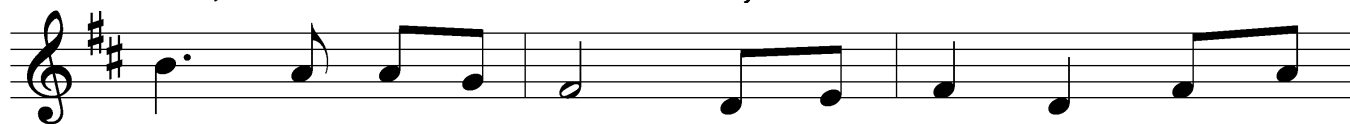
Hymn #812

"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

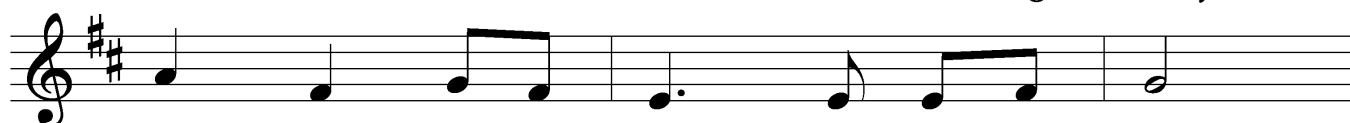
Pastor will sing the first stanza. After stanza 4, the italicized words are sung.



1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the
 2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the
 3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the
 4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



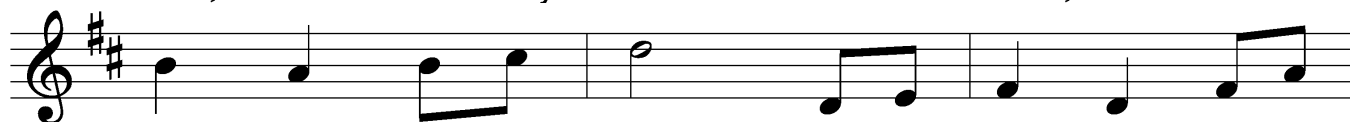
fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow
 tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the
 floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
 face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



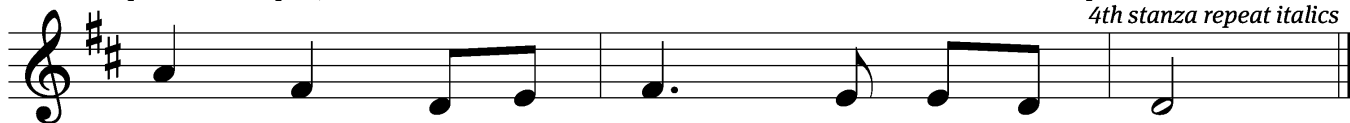
through me and my sails have all been torn,
 bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
 glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -
Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the
 just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the
 love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the
 hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the
faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the



an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

4th stanza repeat italics

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Prayer of the Church

M: Sovereign Lord of all, give us joy in your house of prayer, and open its doors to people of all nations. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

M: Your Son alone is our peace, and has brought us peace with you, dear Father. Fill our hearts with peace in Christ, and with our words and actions, make us instruments of your peace in the world. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

M: Let your Word bring dead hearts to life by the power of the Spirit. Let even the crumbs from the Master's table bring people of all ethnicities into your household. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

M: Give health and prosperity to all who are in authority, especially to the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all our local authorities. Move them to govern according to your will and to maintain peace and order for the good of your Church and the spread of your gospel. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

M: We give thanks for all who teach and proclaim Jesus as the bread of life. Give them strength to persevere in godly life and doctrine, that they may lead your people by example as well as Word. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

M: In his earthly ministry your dear Son drove out demons and healed many. In your mercy, relieve those who are oppressed by the devil, calm troubled minds, and heal every sickness [*especially...*]. Strengthen and keep us all in the true faith, in good times and bad. God, be gracious to us and bless us,

C: **and make your face shine on us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, govern and guide us so that we hold fast to him and have the victory of faith over the devil with all of his afflictions. Sustain us in all of our needs throughout our lives, and finally take us to yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

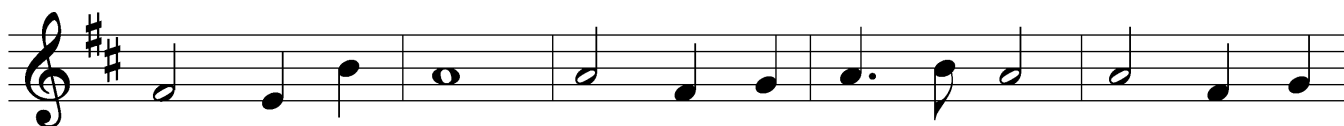
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #811

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

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Baptism

Today during late service we celebrate the baptism of Laycie Mae Davis. Laycie is the child of Nathan and Kayleah Davis and was born on May 27. May Laycie walk in her baptismal grace all of her days.

Cut, Count and Trace Days

Thank you to all of our helpers! We were able to get almost all of the crafts prepared for the school year and are excited to welcome the families at orientation later today.

Volunteers - needed

We are looking for a few volunteers who could be on a list to call when we need a nursery helper for our Japanese cooking class and Bible study. This ministry meets once a month on a Friday from October-May, and the time you would be needed is from 11:00 to approximately 12:30. The Green girls will be in there to help, but we need one adult volunteer to oversee things. You are welcome to stay for the lunch that we prepare if you'd like!

If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Bethany Green (419-721-8563).

Adult Choir Sign Up

Immanuel's Ministry of Music through Adult Choir is organizing for the fall. We begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3rd. We have a new, earlier rehearsal time this season. We will gather in the sanctuary from 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm each Wednesday.

You should expect to be Welcomed as we sing God's Word for Worship. It will require that we Work at learning and doing new things. Together we can do it!!

Please sign up in the narthex by name and vocal part; soprano, alto, tenor or bass so that I can prepare folders and chairs for you.

For more information ask Anita, 419-348-8590

Trinity Women's Ministry

Would like to invite ladies to meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM in Trinity's church basement for a devotion and an evening of cookie decorating. The cost is \$6 per person which includes all the supplies needed to decorate four cookies for fall. No decorating experience is necessary--everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, September 7 to participate. Email or text Jenny Boehm at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org or 262-391-7994.

Calendar	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, 9:20 AM Preschool Orientation, 2-4 PM
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 10 AM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Friday	
	Saturday	
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School, 9:20 AM

Bible Study

<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Jonah	9:20 AM
<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Class	1 Timothy	10 AM
<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Response to Blessings & Challenges	7 PM

Greeters	East	North
8/23		
8AM	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>
10:30AM	<i>Tim P.</i>	<i>Diane L.</i>
8/30		
8AM	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Anna R.	Brad & Sarah S.

August Ushers

8:00 AM Don L., Nate W. **10:30 AM** Don B., Dave Z.

September

Greeters	East	North
9/6		
8AM	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Denny & Sharon P.	Laura & Mike B.
9/13		
8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Deana H.	Kay M.
9/20		
8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jim & Jamie T.	Helen R.
9/27		
8AM	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Becky F.	Volunteer

September Ushers

8:00 AM Mike W., Eldon B. **10:30 AM** Kris G., Mike B.

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (Or the LSGOO)

The Preschool is participating in a state scholarship program this preschool year, Immanuel has been able to provide over \$15,030 in scholarships from this program to school families needing additional assistance. This represents 10 full tuition scholarships and 3 partial tuition scholarships, and last year we were able to provide those scholarships to 37% of our pre-school students thanks to your generous donor contributions. (THANKS!) If you (the donors) are not taking advantage of the excellent opportunity to direct a portion of your Ohio tax liability directly to our school's ministry, please check out www.lsgoohio.org or talk any member of the Immanuel LSGOO committee. Remember: Up to \$750/individual or \$1500/filing jointly can be directed to this program with a one-time or recurring payment!

Steps in the LSGOO process as a donor:

Step 1 - log online to www.lsgoohio.org

Step 2 - follow online directions and choose Immanuel of Findlay Pre-school

Step 3 - fill out dollar amount -enter name, address, credit card information, etc.

You will receive an email confirmation and a mailed Letter of Acknowledgement from LSGOO for filing your taxes

Step 4 - When you file your taxes apply your donation as a tax credit - using documents provided when you donated. (It costs you nothing.)

That is all - it's that easy, to help provide assistance to the Immanuel Pre-school students and for Immanuel to provide a Christian Education!

Immanuel LSGOO committee members: Don Lucas, Howard Wilch, Don Baker

Trunk or Treat is planned for Sunday, October 11, 1:00-2:30 PM.
Mark your calendar, and plan to attend or help out!



We would like to have at least 20 car trunks participating.
We will have the train and bouncy house again,
as well as popcorn and a photo area.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks.