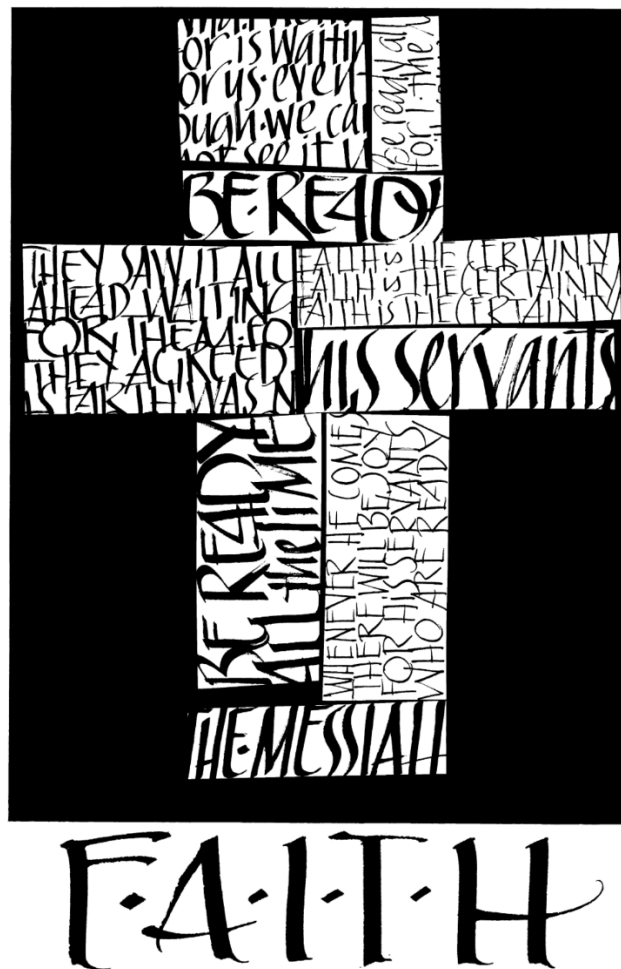


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*November 23, 2025
The Last Sunday of the Church Year*



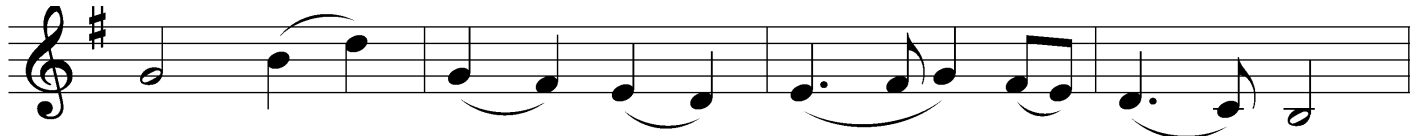
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Opening Hymn #487

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"



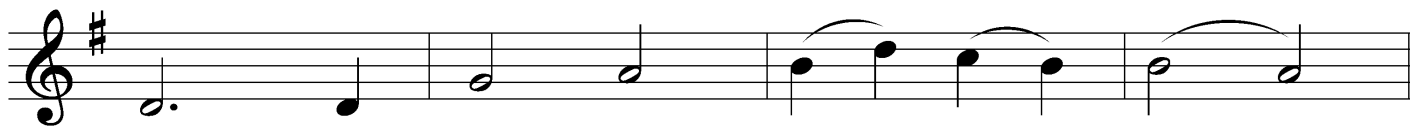
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee



once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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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: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

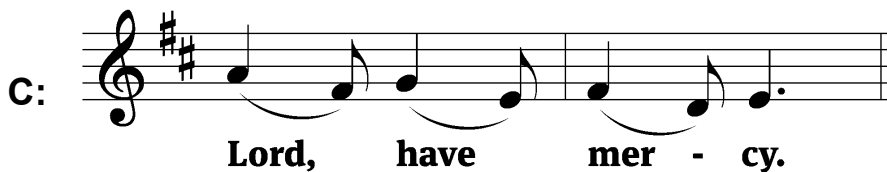
C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

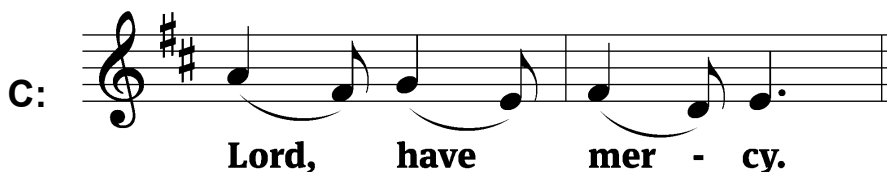
M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



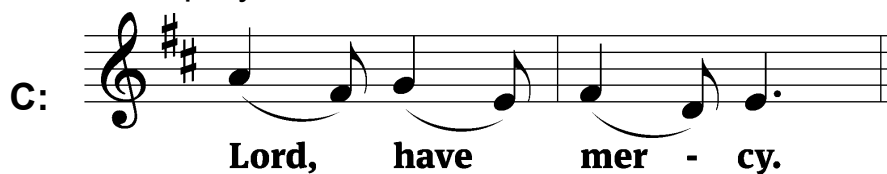
M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

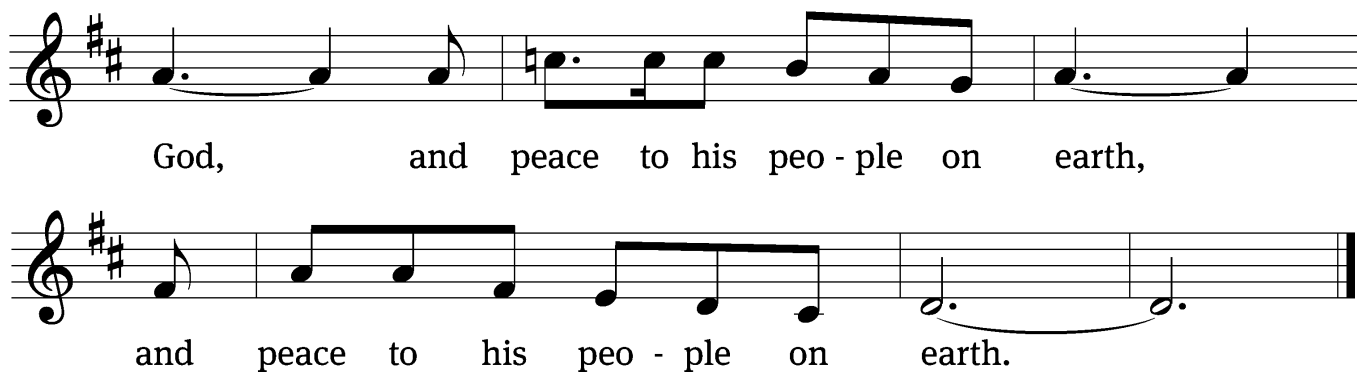
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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.

Trinity School Choir (late service)

Words and music by Karen Maio

“Grace for Today”

1. *When you need someone to help you, but there's no one that's around,
Or you need a friend to lean on, but that friend just can't be found.
Then God's promises remind you that he's always there beside you.
That's grace, grace for today.*
2. *When you're faced with some decision, and you don't know what to do -
Filled with fear and indecision and great doubt surrounding you -
Then God's promises remind you that his Word is there to guide you.
That's grace, grace for today.*
3. *When your heart is feeling guilty over sins you knew were wrong
And your conscience keeps accusing with a voice that's loud and strong,
Then God's promises remind you Jesus' blood casts in behind you.
That's grace, grace for today.*

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

³Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

¹I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.

²Then the LORD replied:

"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faith"— (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

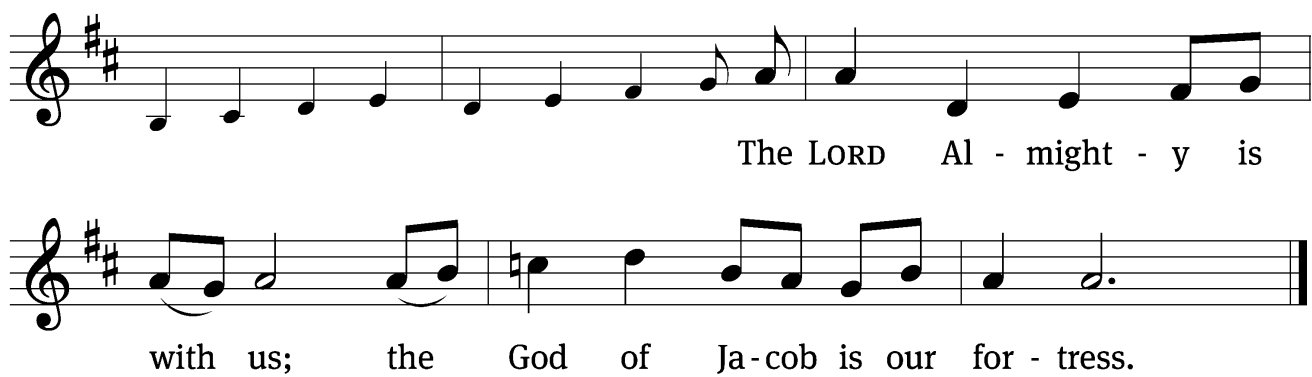
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46A (sing as indicated)

“The LORD Almighty Is with Us”

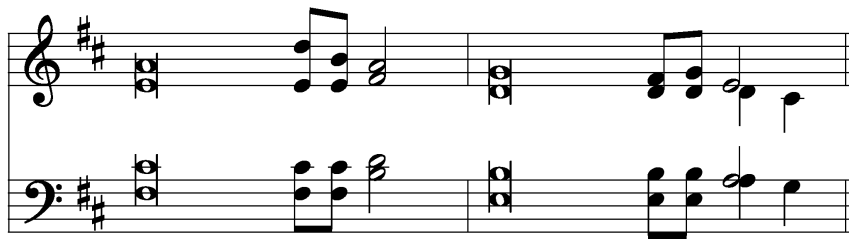
Refrain

C:



The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone



M: God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. Refrain**

C: **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”
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

Revelation 22:6-13

⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

⁷“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

¹⁰Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

¹²“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42



Refrain



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



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

M: Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 12:35-40

³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,
³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



Hymn #797

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"



1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
 night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
 grief, and pain should seek to o - ver - whelm me, let



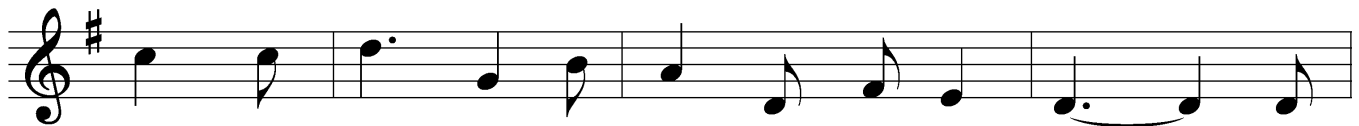
moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And then at my de -



fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
 side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
 par - ture, at home with you I'll be, and there will I in -



wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it all you have prom - ised me. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
 me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
 death, Lord, keep me un - til your heav'n I gain, where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by your great mer - cy the end of faith at - tain.

Sermon Text

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Sermon Theme

“Faith—the Key to Real Living”

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.

Friendship Register is available by the entrances. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

Freewill Offering The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

Hymn #884

"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

C: Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.

M: We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.

C: Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.

M: Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

C: Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.

M: Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.

C: Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.

M: Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. [*Today we ask that you keep in your care...*] Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.

C: Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.

M: If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

C: Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

M: Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

C: Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. Amen.

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.

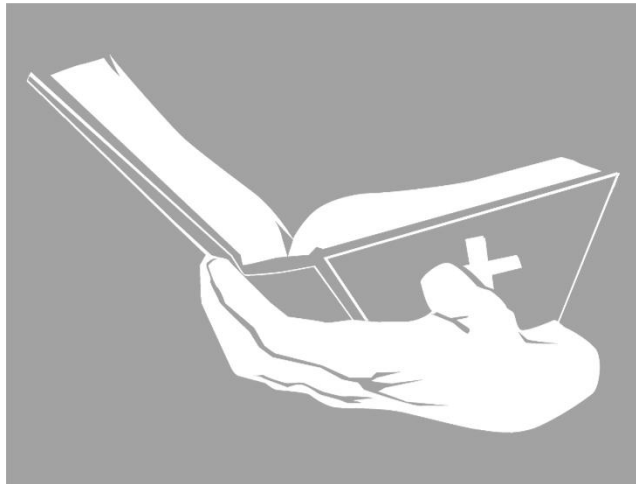
Lord's Prayer

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.



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Closing Hymn #868

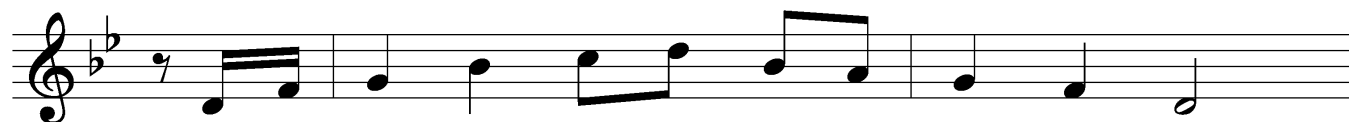
"By Faith"



1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day
4 By faith the church was called to go



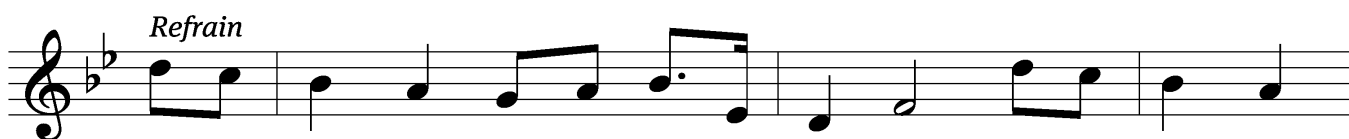
in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *Refrain*



We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. (*Refrain*)

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We Thank the Trinity School Kids for singing during the late service. The sixth and seventh graders from Trinity Lutheran school will be in the parlor selling coupon books for \$20 to help provide funds for their class trip.

Voters' Meeting after the late service is the Quarterly Voter meeting. A packet is in the mailboxes for members of the congregation to look over before the meeting. A digital copy will also be put in the weekly email.

Thanksgiving Service Join us on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM. Come and celebrate for all you are thankful for this year.

Usher/Greeter Sign-up sheets [on the bulletin board](#) in the entry. If you already are an usher or greeter, we will just include you on next years list unless you tell us to remove you.

Christmas for Kids Volunteers are needed to help with the Christmas for Kids this year. Also, if you have not registered your children to attend, please sign them up online on the church website: immanuelfindlay.org. This is very helpful with the planning process to know how many supplies will be needed.

Holiday Feast the church is having our Holiday Feast on December 7 after the late service. The Stewardship Committee is providing the meat and drinks. Members are asked to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts. Please also sign up to let us know you are attending. (The Japanese Christmas will be held later that day at 4 PM.)

Reformation/Germany Tour You are invited to join a 12 day (April 20-May1,2026) tour of Germany emphasizing sites of the Reformation. Places like Wittenberg, Worms, Wartburg, Eisleben, Erfurt are included. Non religious sites include Berlin, Mainz, Rothenburg, Rhine River cruise etc.. There is an optional 3 day extension to Munich, Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein Castle etc. The tour, will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock who has been to Germany many times. For more information contact: pastorkock@yahoo.com.

Advent by Candlelight Tea at Trinity: Women are invited to Trinity in Jenera to attend an evening of music, fellowship, and the Word to help prepare your hearts for the Advent season on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30. Finger foods and tea will be served in the church basement. This year's program seeks to focus our attention right on Jesus by taking a deeper look—through Scripture, narrative, and song—at the names we hear him often called during Advent. Each name reveals a priceless gift just waiting to be opened and treasured for a lifetime. Each name is a perfect gift to unwrap. Please email Jenny at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org if you plan to attend.

LSGOO (Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio) For the 2025-26 preschool year, Immanuel has been able to provide \$15,030 in scholarships from this program to school families needing additional assistance. This represents 10 full tuition scholarships and 3 partial tuition scholarships, 37% of our pre-school students were helped with 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

BIBLE STUDY	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Today's Readings	9:20 AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	James	10:00 AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	Teaching Values	7:00 PM

November		
Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
11/23 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	<i>Kay M.</i>	<i>Becky F.</i>
11/30 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	<i>Brad & Sarah S.</i>	<i>Helen R.</i>

November Ushers: **8:00** *Bob H., Howard W.* **10:30** *Denny P., Paul W.*

Calendar	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Voters' Meeting, 11:45 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	No Bible Class, Happy Thanksgiving!
	Sunday	Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

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.

Christmas for Kids

December 6, 2025
1-4 pm

Kids ages 4 through grade 6

Children will:

hear the true Christmas story
make a craft
play games
learn and sing a song or two
celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Register online at: immanuelfindlay.org



How can I be Christ's ambassador?

Consider pursuing one or more of these.

Support: Does your congregation have a Care Committee for Called Workers? If not, learn more about this group that supports called workers and their families. **Visit wels.net/ccw.**

Learn: Ask your pastor about his path to ministry. Why did he become a pastor? What kind of training did he receive?

Care: Organize care packages for students in your congregation who are studying to be pastors, teachers, and staff ministers.

Inspire: Do you know someone who has the gifts to be a pastor, teacher, or staff minister? How might you encourage him or her to consider full-time ministry?

Explore: Visit wels.net/school to discover different ways to serve in the full-time ministry and alternative pathways for those considering second-career options.

Remember: The work of the church is Christ's alone, but Christ works through YOU!

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