

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*November 16, 2025
The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost*



*the TIME is COMING
WHEN ALL THESE THINGS
YOU ARE ADMIRING WILL
BE KNOCKED DOWN*

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Opening Hymn #486

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore you with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



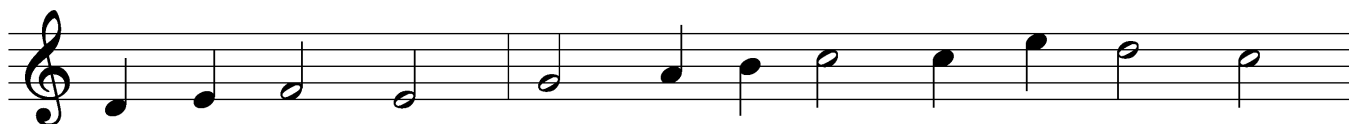
Mid-night hears the wel-come voic - es and at the thrill-ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin-ing por - tal, where, dwell-ing with the



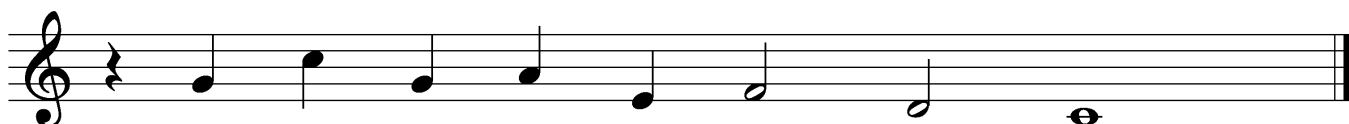
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your-selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar-riage hall
 such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 to eat the Sup - per at your call.
 sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

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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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

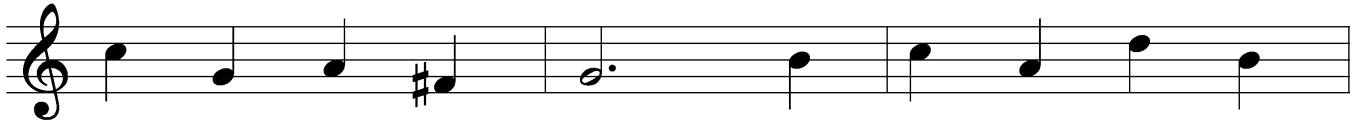
⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

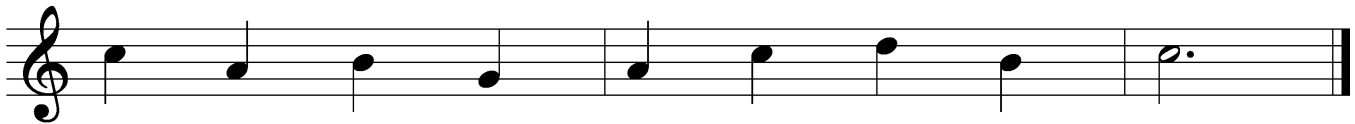
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90D sts.1-2,4-6*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is your
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; we fly for - got - ten,
 hope for years to come, still be our guard while



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.
 trou - bles last and our e - ter - nal home!

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Second Reading*2 Thessalonians 1:3-10*

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem *(late service)*

“Great Creator”

Text & Music: Karen Marroli, based on Isaiah 65:17-25 © 2018 Birnamwood.

Additional text from “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Great Creator, ever speaking, teach us you are weaving, still,
painting heaven in its newness, sculpting earth with finest skill.
What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn,
bringing daylight into darkness: heav’n and earth will be reborn.

Great Creator, ever list’ning to our prayers and to our plight,
write in us your new creation, when our weeping turns to sight.
Let us see the daylight dawning, when the wolf lies with the lamb,
when all people join their voices, singing of the Great I AM.

Jerusalem, our happy home, when shall we come to thee?
When shall our sorrows have an end? When shall your joys we see?

Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave,
let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save.

Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth,
use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt your kingdom here on earth.
Use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt your kingdom here on earth.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10

M: Alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you life as your victor’s crown. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 21:5-19

⁵Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

⁸He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.” (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Message

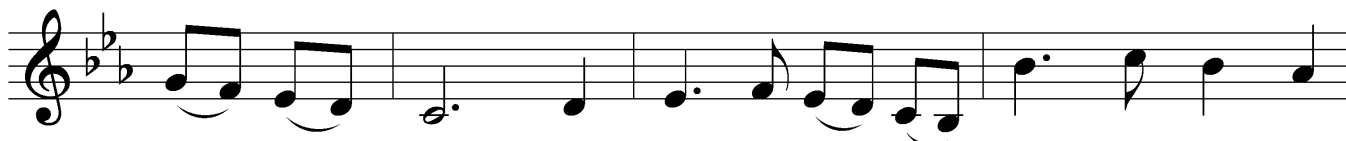
"God Is Always With Us!"

Hymn #495

"The King Shall Come"



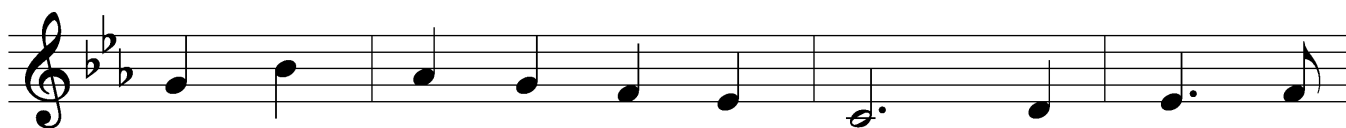
1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
morn for all who know his grace— the day when
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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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.

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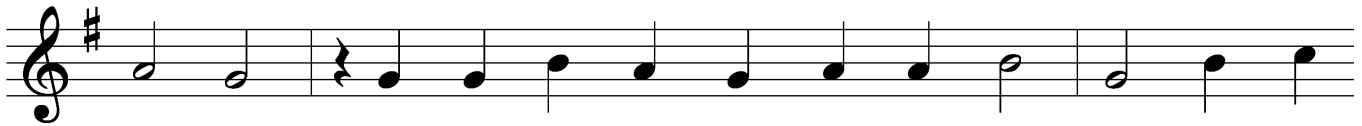
Freewill Offering The offering plate is located by the back entrance. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

Hymn #488

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
God's al - might - y, bound - less pow'r, be changed at his com - mand - ing.
all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
at the judg - e's stern com - mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
and for my sin was smitten;
within the Book of Life I know
my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
and Satan cannot threaten me;
there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
but hasten our salvation;
we often tremble on our way
in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
come soon, Redeemer, make us free
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new.

May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

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The 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 #885

"There Is a Higher Throne"



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;



be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain



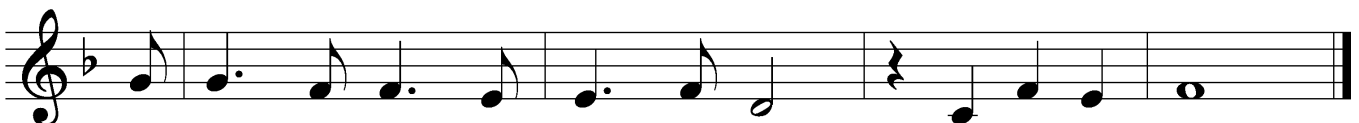
Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are



to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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Please stay for the WELS Connection video.

Pastor Krueger is leading the services at Trinity in Jenera this morning.

Thank you! The family of Norm Roehrs wishes to express our thanks and sincere gratitude for all the prayers, expressions of sympathy, and lovely funeral meal you provided us. Thank you! -Judy Roehrs

Next Sunday the Trinity School Kids will sing 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.

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.

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.

Young Adult Fellowship will be here at the Church on November 22 at 5:30 PM. Food will be completely provided. We will be hosting a Friendsgiving Thanksgiving celebration with friends. If you are willing and able, please sign up to help provide food. Questions can be directed to the Vicar @ 479-684-8231. Hope to see you there!

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.)

Voters' Meeting Next Sunday after the late service is the Quarterly Voter meeting. A packet will be 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.

Appreciated Assets - something to think about as we near the end of the year.

Did you know that if you were to donate appreciated securities (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds) you may save on taxes? For example, if you were to sell an asset yourself, you have the burden of paying capital gains taxes on the sale. This tax can be completely avoided by donating the asset to charity. This means that the charity (Immanuel) receives the full value of the gift as capital gains are not paid by non profit organizations. A secondary benefit of donating securities is that you are able to take the tax deduction for the full amount of the gift.

As you begin to think about your 2025 income taxes, keep in mind that charitable donations may provide you with some tax advantages. If you would like more information on planned giving, feel free to contact anyone on Immanuel's Planned Giving Committee (Jim Travoli, Tony Rettig, Bob Beach).

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
11/16 8:00	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30	Diane L.	Deana H.
11/23 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Kay M.	Becky F.
11/30 8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30	Brad & Sarah S.	Helen R.

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 Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study, 7:00 PM
	Friday	Worship Board, 7:00 AM
	Saturday	Young Adults Group, 5:30 PM
	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Voters' Meeting, 11:45 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