

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*November 2, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost*



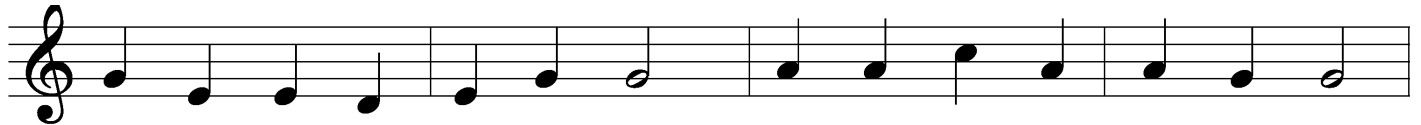
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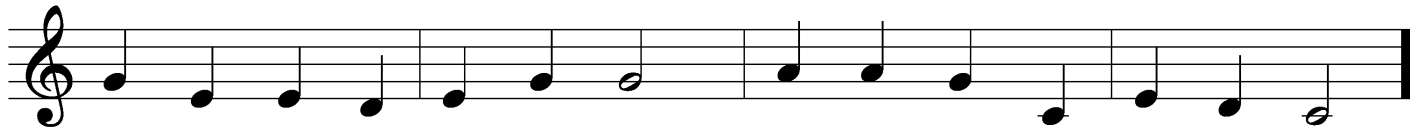
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Opening Hymn #584

"Jesus Loves Me"

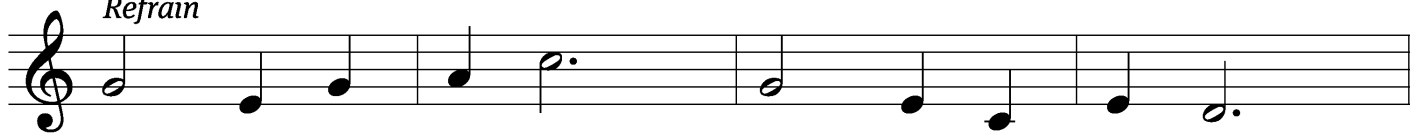


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

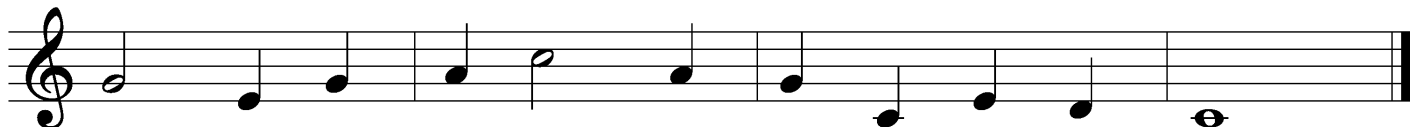


Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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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: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Declaration of Grace

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.

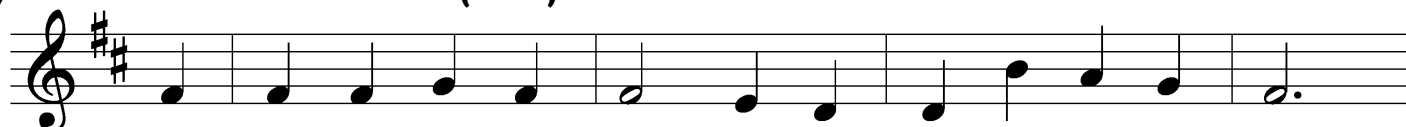
C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise #1015 (Brit) - AURELIA

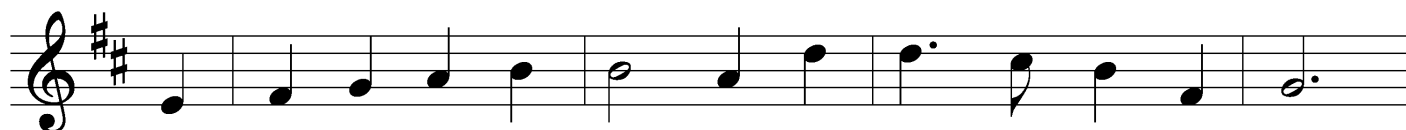
"Gloria"



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 128B

“Blest Are Those”

**The verses will be sung by the soloist*

Refrain



Blest are those who love you, hap-py those who fol-low you,
blest are those who seek you, O God.

Verses are printed on next page.

- 1 *Happy all those who fear the LORD, and walk in God's pathway.
You will find what you long for—the riches of our God. (Refrain)*
- 2 *Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table. (Refrain)*
- 3 *May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life;
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart. (Refrain)*

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:25—2:3

²⁵ The word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

¹Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 22:37



Refrain



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

M: Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

C: **Refrain**

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

¹⁷Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” (NIV)

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

Be seated.

Hymn #684

“Father Welcomes”



Fa - ther wel - comes all his chil - dren to his fam - 'ly through his Son.



Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



- 1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.
- 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:
- 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,



Refrain

Life and — love I have to give, mer - cy — for your sin.
those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be — born a - gain.
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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Sermon Text

St. Luke 18:15-17

Sermon Theme

“Let the Little Children Come to Me”

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.

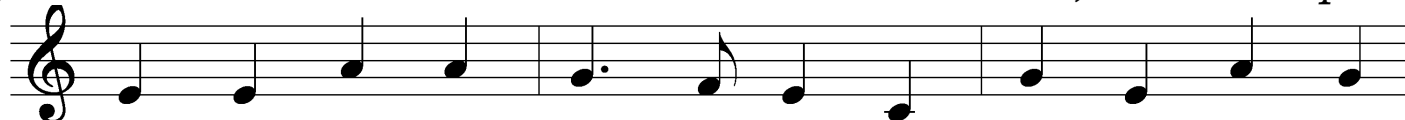
Be seated.

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 #757

"Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd"



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, chil - dren all are
2 Ten - der Shep - herd, nev - er leave them, nev - er let them
3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them, fill their minds with
4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es which on earth your



dear to you; may your lov - ing arms en - fold them
go a - stray; by your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,
heav'n - ly light; by your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them
chil - dren sing, with their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



in your care their whole life through. By your tend - ing
may they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,
al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your
glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, then with all the



and pro - tect - ing keep them safe in all they do.
thus de - fend them lest they fall an eas - y prey.
yoke is eas - y, let them find your bur - den light.
saints in glo - ry join to praise their Lord and King.

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Prayer of the Church

M: Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. [We pray especially for...] Hold those we love in the arms of your grace.
Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. 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 #868

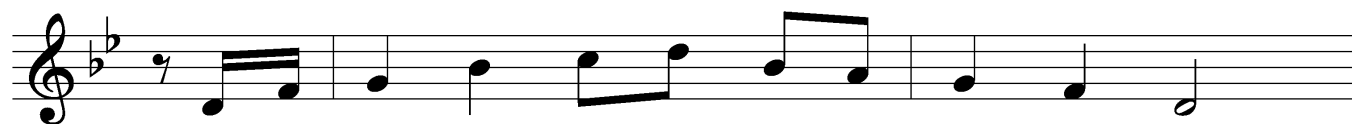
"By Faith"



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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Thank you to those who expressed their support, and those who gave gifts, this past month. It is a joy to serve all the members of Immanuel. --Pastor and Connie.

Christmas for Kids is planned for Saturday, December 6th, 1:00 - 4:00. Children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend this fun, free event. Sign up at immanuelfindlay.org.

Preschool Open House The preschool students' artwork is on display in the education hallway for everyone to see. There is a luncheon for the families after the late service today.

Area Reformation Service is at Resurrection Lutheran Church today at 4 PM. The church address is 2250 S. Holland Sylvania Road, Maumee.

Young Adults are invited to a meal and fellowship time Saturday at 5:30 PM here at church.

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.

Greeters	East Doors	North Doors
11/2 8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
10:30	Laura & Mike B.	Denny & Sharon S.
11/9 8:00	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30	Pam W.	Jan S.
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 Preschool sings at 10:30 AM, Open House 11:30AM - 1 PM Area Reformation Service, 4 PM, @ Resurrection Lutheran in Maumee, Ohio. Confirmation, 6:30 PM
	Monday	Evangelism Board, 5:00 PM
	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Bible Study, 7:00 PM
	Friday	Japanese Bible Cooking Class, 11:00 AM
	Saturday	Young Adults, 5:30 PM
	Sunday	Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM Confirmation, 6:30 PM

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

Welcome! We join together 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