

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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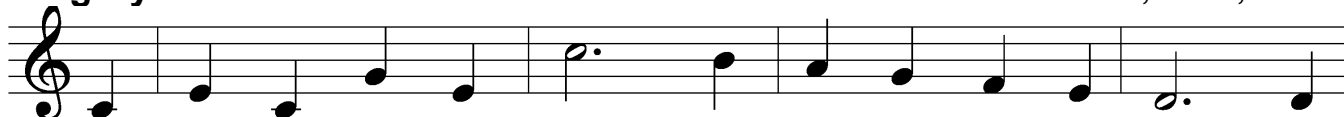
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## Opening Hymn #775

*"Before You, Lord, We Bow"*



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
 2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from  
 3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
 4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -  
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright  
 in your Word's pure light and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor-ship him a - lone. Cast down your  
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!  
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.  
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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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.**

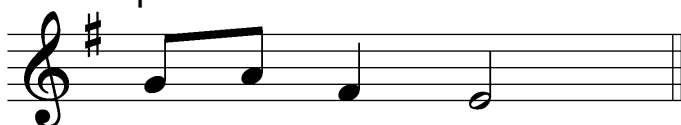
### **Lord, Have Mercy**

**M:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



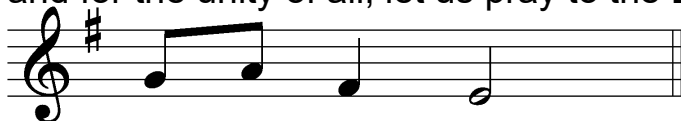
**C:** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**C:** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

**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 mer - cy.**

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



**C:** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

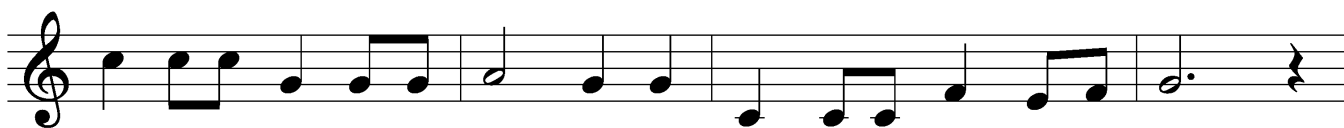
**M:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C:** **A - men.**

# Hymn of Praise

*"Glory to God in the Highest"*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



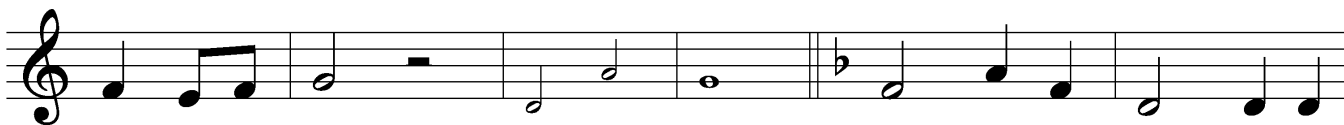
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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



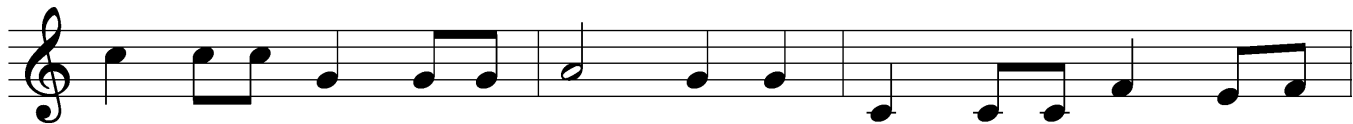
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



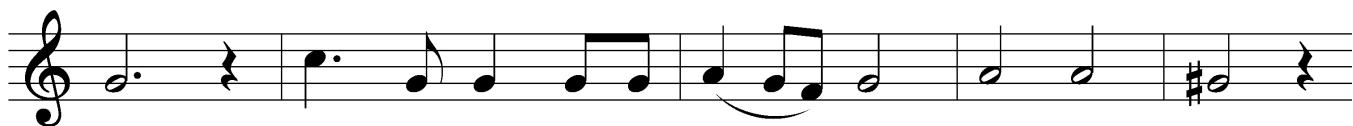
Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



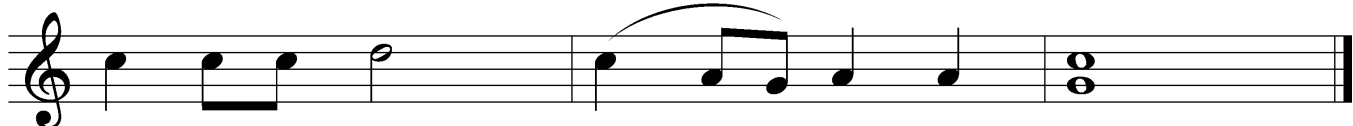
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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### Prayer of the Day

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **First Reading**

*Daniel 1:3-21*

<sup>3</sup>Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—<sup>4</sup>young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. <sup>5</sup>The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

<sup>6</sup>Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>7</sup>The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup>But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup>Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, <sup>10</sup>but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

<sup>11</sup>Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, <sup>12</sup>"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." <sup>14</sup>So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup>At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. <sup>16</sup>So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

<sup>17</sup>To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

<sup>18</sup>At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. <sup>20</sup>In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

<sup>21</sup>And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus. (NIV)

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96A** (*sing as indicated*)

*"Let the Heavens Rejoice"*

*Refrain*

**C:**

Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD. Let the heav-ens re-joice, let the earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD.

*Tone*

- M:** Sing to the LORD a / new song;  
sing to the LORD, / all the earth.
- C:** **Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;**  
**proclaim his salvation day / after day.**  
**Declare his glory among the / nations,**  
**his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.**  
**Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his name;**  
**bring an offering and come in- / to his courts.   Refrain**
- C:** **Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, / for he comes,**  
**he comes to / judge the earth.**  
**He will judge the world in / righteousness**  
**and the peoples in his / faithfulness.**  
**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

Romans 13:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup>For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup>This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup>Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.  
(NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

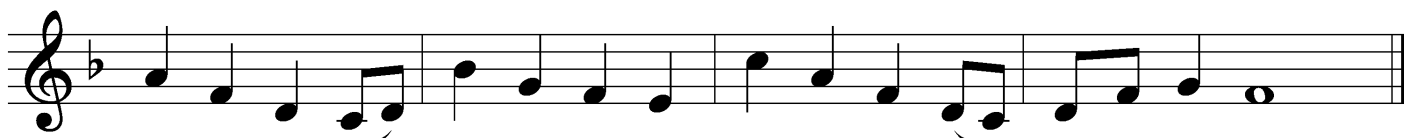
*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 2:10



*Refrain*



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

M: In Christ you have been brought to fullness.  
He is the head over every power and authority.

C: **Refrain**

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## Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

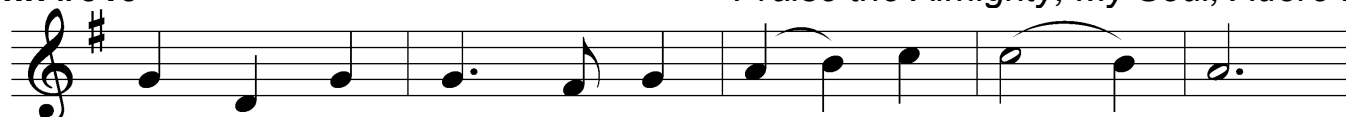
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

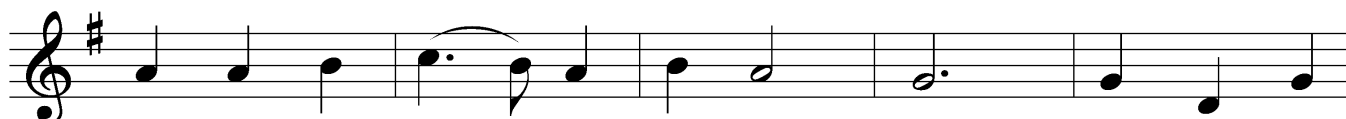


# Hymn #619

*"Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him"*



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



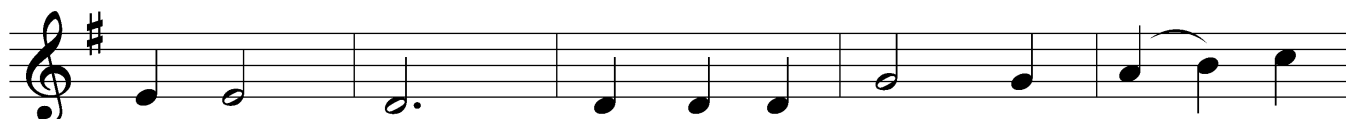
Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the  
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Sermon Text**

*Romans 13:1-7*

## **Sermon**

*“Respect the God-Given Authorities”*

*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 #752

## "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"



1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each  
 2 By your Word you formed cre - a - tion filled with  
 3 In his earth - ly life, our Sav - ior knew the  
 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing bear the

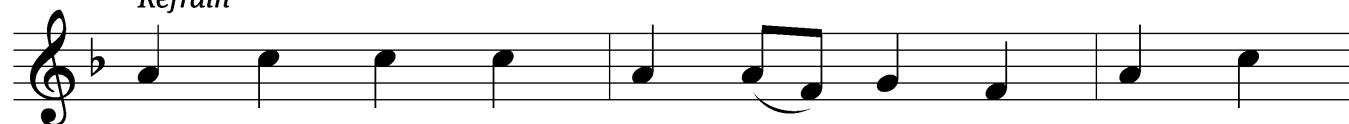


morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies  
 crea - tures large and small; as we tend that  
 care of faith - ful friends; may our deeds of  
 im - print of your grace; with the Son and

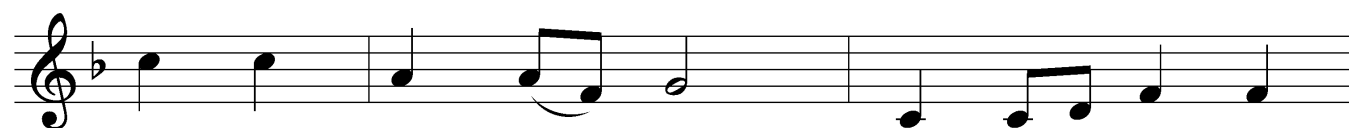


nev - er end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure may our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, praise be yours in ev - 'ry place!

### Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your



gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing



of your bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

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### **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Eternal God, with your almighty power and wisdom you guide and guard the universe you created. Every planet and every star remain in place according to your design. You know the far reaches of space and observe even heavenly lights we cannot see.

**C:** **Lead us to marvel every day at the wonders of your creation.**

**M:** You created our planet to proclaim the depth of your majesty and love. At your command the world turns, the breezes blow, and the waters surge. Here you placed the crown of your creation, your human creatures, and gave us the bounty of the earth for our provision and pleasure.

**C:** **Help us to value and protect the blessings of nature you have given us.**

**M:** You have created the family, arranged society, and established governments to provide order and stability in our lives. You command us to respect and support the authorities that function with your permission. You teach us to love all people, those who are like us and those who are not, and to care for those in need of help.

**C:** **Move us to love others as your Son loved us.**

**M:** Guard and guide us when you allow serious diseases, financial uncertainty, and social unrest to torment our country. You surely punish the wicked in troubled times, but you also call people to turn away from sin to your forgiving love.

**C:** **Lead us to repent and examine our thoughts, words, and actions.**

**M:** Enable the medical community to discover cures for diseases and plagues that afflict our planet. Preserve the lives of your people that we may continue to share your love with others. Spare the lives of those who do not know you so they may find you and be saved.

**C:** **Give us confidence to place our bodies and lives into your protecting hand.**

**M:** Allow farms and factories, businesses and institutions, schools and communities to prosper and provide the blessings you desire to bestow on us. Use the blessing of wealth to enable us to spread the gospel throughout the world.

**C:** **Teach us to be faithful stewards of your blessings and lead us to manage them according to your will.**

**M:** Free us from all thoughts, words, and actions of prejudice and pride. Help us to see in all people the faces of those who have been redeemed by the innocent life and precious blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose for everyone from every nation under heaven.

**C:** **Help us to overcome the racial tensions that plague our land.**

**M:** Give wisdom to the leaders of our land and bend their will to yours. Drive away party spirit and harsh rhetoric that often deepen the divisions among people. Help our nation find contentment in helping and protecting one another.

**C:** **Guide us so we may avoid the pitfalls of anger and arrogance.**

M: Keep in your care all those who are sick and suffering in these troubled times.  
Restore health according to your will. [Especially bless...] Comfort those you are  
leading to heaven with the anticipation of their eternal home.

**C: Move us to pray fervently for those in need.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: We come to you on behalf of the people and nation we love.

**C: Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. 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.**

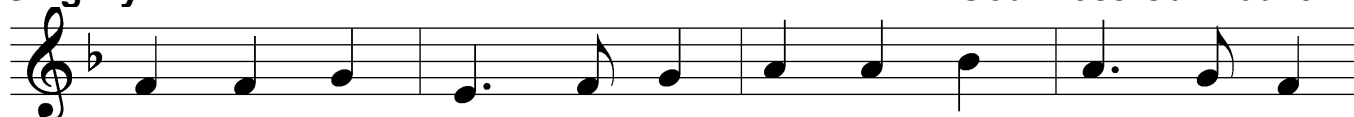
### Blessing

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 #774

*"God Bless Our Native Land"*



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand  
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard-ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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## Trunk or Treat

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat last week!

## Preschool Open House and Luncheon

Join us November 1 at the late service. The preschool students will sing and our Luncheon and Open House are after the late service in the Education wing. We are in need of 2-3 adults to supervise preschool students in the preschool room during the service. We are also looking for a few volunteers to set out the food midway through the late service. If interested in helping, please let Pastor Krueger or Vicar Reinke know.

## 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, reach out to Bethany Green (419-721-8563).

## The Area Reformation Service

Area WELS and ELS churches will hold a Reformation Service at Abiding Word Lutheran in Bowling Green on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 PM. There is a meal following. If you can attend the meal, please sign up in back. Main course provided by Abiding Word; Immanuel members are asked to bring a side dish if possible.

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| <b>Calendar</b> | <b>Sunday</b>    | Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM<br>Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM<br>Confirmation, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM                  |
|                 | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Pastors' Conference, Florence, KY</b>                                                                        |
|                 | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Pastors' Conference, Florence, KY</b>                                                                        |
|                 | <b>Wednesday</b> | Bible Class, 10 AM<br>Adult Choir Practice, 4:30 PM                                                             |
|                 | <b>Thursday</b>  | Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM                                                                                       |
|                 | <b>Sunday</b>    | Worship & Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 AM<br>Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:20 AM<br>Confirmation, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM |
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## Bible Study

|                  |                   |                        |         |
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| <i>Sunday</i>    | Adult Bible Study | People in David's Life | 9:20 AM |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Adult Bible Class | 1 John                 | 10 AM   |
| <i>Thursday</i>  | Zoom Bible Study  | The Life of Moses      | 7 PM    |

## October

### Greeters

### East

### North

10/18

8AM Volunteer  
10:30AM Brad & Sarah S.

Volunteer  
Anna R.

10/25

8AM Volunteer  
10:30AM Laura & Mike B.

Volunteer  
Denny & Sharon P.

### Ushers

8AM Tim P., Howard W.  
10:30AM Joe B., Brad S.

## November

### Greeters

### East Doors

### North Doors

11/1

8:00 Howard & Nancy W. Volunteer  
10:30 Kay M. Deana H.

11/8

8:00 Bob H. Volunteer  
10:30 Helen R. Jim & Jamie T.

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8:00 Karl & Lynn F. Volunteer  
10:30 Volunteer Becky F.

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8:00 Volunteer Volunteer  
10:30 Jan S. Pam W.

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8:00 Volunteer Volunteer  
10:30 Tim P. Diane L.

### November Ushers

8:00 Don L., Nate W.  
10:30 Sam P., Denny P.

**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.