

Immanuel Lutheran Church

August 14 & 17, 2022

Pentecost 10



Do not fill
HEAVEN and EARTH.
says the LORD
JEREMIAH 23:24

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Opening Hymn

#646 "See This Wonder in the Making"



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens as the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; home we



self this child is tak - ing as a lamb safe in his
door of heav - en o - pens and the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, his to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place him , with your love and peace em - brace him .
daugh - ter, born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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Remain seated.

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

C: Amen.

Confession

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

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

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

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

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

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

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

Sacrament of Baptism *(Sunday)*

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

Abram Thomas Green, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

Exhortation to Parents

M: Bethany and Kris, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you: Do you intend to bring up Abram in the way of the Lord so that he may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his baptismal grace all the days of his life? If you are willing to do so, answer: "Yes, and we ask God to help us."
[Response:] Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Exhortation to the Congregation

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

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

M: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Jeremiah 23:23–29

M: ²³"Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away?"

²⁴"Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD.

"Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

²⁵"I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!'" ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these

lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a

dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹"Is not my word like fire,"

declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4A

"Answer Me When I Call"

Refrain



An-swer me when I call, my God; you a-lone keep my life se-cure.

Tone



M: Answer me when I / call to you,
my / righteous God.

**C: Give me relief from / my distress;
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer.**

Refrain

M: Tremble and / do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.

**C: Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous
and trust / in the LORD.**

Refrain

M: Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us pros- / perity?"
Let the light of your face / shine on us.

**C: In peace I will lie / down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.**

**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 *(read responsively)*

Hebrews 12:1–13

M: ¹Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

C: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

M: ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

C: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

M: ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

C: ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

M: ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58

C: Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Alleluia.

Gospel

St. Luke 12:49–53

M: ⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

(NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

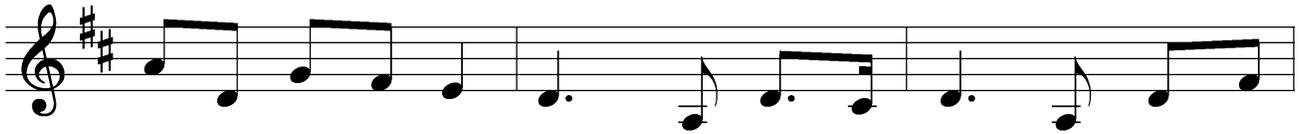
Be seated.

Hymn

#870 "O Church, Arise"



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
 wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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Sermon

Run for the Gold!

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

M: 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.

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

M: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

M: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

M: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

M: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

M: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: **Amen.**

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The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: ANIHES



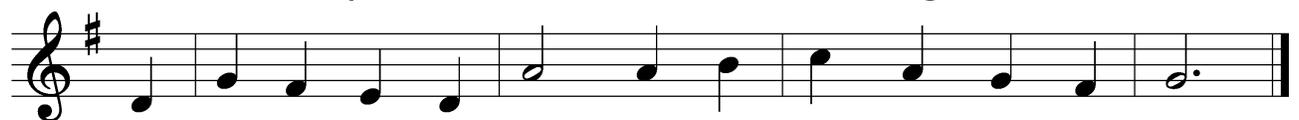
1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system includes the title and the first line of lyrics. The second system includes the second line of lyrics. The third system includes the third line of lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the third system.

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Be seated.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

#661 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
He gave his life for great - est and for least,
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Latin, 7th cent., abr. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn

#838 "The Will of God Is Always Best"



1 The will of God is al - ways best and shall be done for -
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, my hope and life a -
3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, de - ny me not this
4 When life's brief course on earth is run and I this world am



ev - er; and they who trust in him are blest;
bid - ing, and to his coun - sel, wise and just,
fa - vor: when Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
leav - ing, grant me to say, "Your will be done,"



he will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed in
I yield, in him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, his
then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, my
your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My heav'n - ly Friend, I



time of need; he chas - tens with fore - bear - ing. They who de -
Word de - clares, up - on my head he num - bers. By night and
fear dis - pel, ful - fill your faith - ful say - ing: all who be -
now com - mend my soul in - to your keep - ing, o'er sin and



pend on God, their friend, shall not be left de - spair - ing.
day God is my stay; he nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
lieve by grace re - ceive an an - swer to their pray - ing.
hell and death as well in you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Albrecht von Preussen, 1490–1568

Tune: Claudin de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562

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M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Please stand.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

Be seated.

Closing Hymn

#876 "Fight the Good Fight" sts. 1-2,4



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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Today's Altar Flowers are given in God's glory to honor the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Larry and Diane Schaller. God has surely blessed us with a love that has flourished since August 19, 1962.

Kris and Bethany Green celebrate the baptism of their son, Abram Thomas Green, at the Sunday service. Serving as joyful witnesses on this special day are his big sisters, Elizabeth, Natalie and Madelyn.

Outdoor Service and Fun Fest Thank you to all who helped with the outdoor service and fun fest last week!
-Your church council

Men's Breakfast & Bible Class is this Saturday, August 20 at 8:00 AM. Please sign up.

Preschool Cut, Count and Trace Days will be August 15 & 16 from 9 AM – 3 PM. You can pick up items to bring back later, or you can stay for as little or as long as you want to enjoy the companionship of the other helpers. Lunch will be provided to the helpers on both days.

Preschool Orientation Day Helpers Needed. August 21 from 1:45-5:00 PM. Parents will attend a meeting about the upcoming school year. The children will be in the preschool room with the helpers for about 20 minutes. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who helps! It is so appreciated!

Pastor James Mattek will be celebrating 40 years in the ministry! Pastor Mattek served here at Immanuel for many years and is currently the Director of Ministry at Christian Family Solutions in a part-time position. There will be a celebration on Saturday, September 10 in Greenville, WI at 5 PM to honor this occasion. If you would like to share pictures, well wishes, or ministry memories, or if you want RSVP to attend the event you may do so at: christianfamilysolutions.org/anniversary-event/

Mini-choir: Would you like to help introduce a hymn to our congregation? On Sunday, August 14th after service, we will have a practice for any members interested to learn hymn 579, "His Mercy Is More" (which adult choir sang in March). This group will then sing the first stanza in worship in the 21st. Sign up in back.

Outside Workday on September 17. Many helpers are needed for our outside workday here at the church. From approximately 8:30 AM – Noon. Please bring yard tools, (rakes, hoes, brush trimmers, wheel barrels) and work gloves. All help is appreciated!

This Week	Sunday	Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion, 10:00 AM Board of Elders, 11:15 AM
	Monday	Preschool Cut, Count & Trace Day, 9 AM- 3 PM Church Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
	Tuesday	Preschool Cut, Count & Trace Day, 9 AM- 3 PM
	Wednesday	Bible Class, 1:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion, 7:00 PM
	Thursday	Zoom Only Bible Class, 7:00 PM
	Saturday	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8 AM (please sign up)
	Sunday	Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion, 10:00 AM Preschool Open House, 2-5 PM

<u>East Doors</u>	<u>North Doors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
8/14 Deana Harman	Jan Sherman	Josie Weihrauch
8/21 Laura & Mike Bennett	Ken & Linda Shultz	Luke Weihrauch
8/28 Volunteer	Bob Huber	Eric Davis
Accompanists: Connie Krueger	August Ushers	Paul Weihrauch, Denny Putman

Join us in Adult Bible Studies:

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM	Bible Themes	In person only
Wednesday Bible Class, 1:30 PM	Romans	In person & Zoom
Thursday Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM	Large Catechism	Zoom only

Ladies: mark your calendars! The LWMS Fall Rally will be here at Immanuel on **October 1**. *The door collection for missions will be on September 11.* We will need help on that day with the meal and registration. Information will soon be put in your mailboxes at church.

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please 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.

If you would like something put on the bulletin board please contact the office.

When receiving communion, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

Celebrating Communion in Love—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion

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