

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9 a.m. Worship

Live Stream / Conference Call

Christ the King and Service of Thanksgiving

On this final Sunday of the church year we gather to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.



Sunday, November 22, 2020

Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here!

***God's Grace and Peace to YOU
through our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!***

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



***INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name.

C: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

P: God blesses us with gifts of love:

C: With food and clothing, home and family.

P: God blesses us with daily work:

C: And all we need from day to day.

P: God protects us in time of danger:

C: And guards us from every evil.

P: God calls us into relationship with God:

C: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

P: Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Congregation sings the indented stanzas
Evangelical Lutheran Worship #839
Now Thank We All Our God

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

P: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart.

C: My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

P: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P: A broken and contrite heart our God will not despise.

C: He heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds.

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.



P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

P: Lift up your hearts. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.*

P: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart.

C: My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

P: Lift up your hands and bless the name of the Lord.

C: I will bless the Lord as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call upon his name.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

***GREETING**

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints, from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #865
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship,
Setting 6, page 171

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #660
Lift High the Cross

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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***NICENE CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ, we confess our faith:

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

***THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

Congregation sings the indented stanzas
Evangelical Lutheran Worship #858
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

P: Praise the Lord, all you hosts of heaven!

C: Praise him, sun and moon! Praise him, shining stars and all the firmament!

P: Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

*Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!*

P: Let the earth join his praise:

C: the seas and all that dwell therein

P: hills and mountains,

C: trees and forests,

P: birds and animals of every kind.



*Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?*

P: Let the people praise the Lord –

C: rulers and subjects, men and women, the old and the young alike.

P: Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

*Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.*

P: The name of the Lord is greater than all others.

C: The glory of the Lord is above earth and heaven.

P: He blesses all who are his own, so that all may praise him.

*Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!*

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

During this time of social distancing, we continue to give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. Please mail your checks to Immanuel, sign up for automatic withdrawal, or give online through our website: luthwash.org.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of all goodness, ... through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
C: **Amen.**

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: O God of justice and love, ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**



***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



***BENEDICTION**

P: Christ has no body
But yours,...

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

P: May the Lord of all creation shower His blessings and favor upon you.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of His eternal kingdom.

C: Amen.

P: And may Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

***DISMISSAL**

P: You have heard love.

C: We have heard Christ's love!

P: You are filled with Christ's love!

C: We will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.

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