



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield, MN ~ LCMS  
November 2, 2025

## *Blessed*

### **As We Gather**

Some people believe they are blessed when they receive a good cup of coffee or when they look good in their swimsuits. While these may be blessings, we are truly blessed because we are God's children who are guided, guarded, protected, and provided for by our Good Shepherd. Our heavenly Father has claimed and cleansed us in the waters of Baptism. As God's children, we are saints now and forever—not because of anything we have done or will do but because of Jesus. Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount by listing how and when we are blessed. Jesus richly blesses us saints in this life and in the one yet to come.

# Preparation

## Hymn 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives *sts. 1–4*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences *John 11:25–26; Job 19:25–27; Romans 14:7–8; Revelation 14:13*

**P** Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

**C** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

- P** For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
- C** **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

### **Confession and Absolution**    *1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:12a*

- P** John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
- Most merciful God and Father,
- C** **We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.**
- P** John reminds us, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our

sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

**C Alleluia! Amen!**

## Word

**Introit** *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.

**C For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

**P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

# Kyrie: 677 For All the Saints

sts. 1-4



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

**C** You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Revelation 7:9–17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them  
with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**L** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C** They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**L** Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–3*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

**P** Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel sung by Choir

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

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

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.*

*And blessed are the persecuted for the sake of righteousness.*

*And blessed are you, persecuted for my sake.*

*And be glad, for yours is the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# Hymn: 677 For All the Saints

sts. 5-8



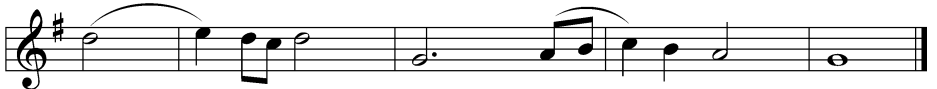
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,  
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;  
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The  
 △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, Through



Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war-riors com - eth rest;  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Sermon

### Remembrance of Baptism

*Romans 6:3-4*

**P** In Holy Baptism, God's children are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all of our sins. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

**C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

## Commemoration of the Redeemed Children of God

- P** Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

*Delores Steffen*

*Marlene Hendricksen*

*Melvin Grein*

*Linda Wagner*

*Ines Henning*

*June Salzwedel*

*Beverly Hall*

*Rose Parrington*

*Doris Rossow*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

- C** Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Creed

*Nicene Creed*

- C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,

**begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Ⓟ** We thank and praise You, O God, our Maker and King, for leading Your children through the wilderness of this world to the promised land of

Your eternal heavenly kingdom. We thank You for saving us by grace through faith in the Lamb, who is our shepherd and guide. We thank You for the encouragement and example of Your saints who have gone before us. Compel us by Christ's love and empower us by Your Spirit to imitate them as they imitated Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We thank and praise You for making us members of Your mystical Body, the church, through the waters of Holy Baptism. Keep us firmly rooted in Your Word of truth. Lead us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to grieve with those who grieve. We ask for You to provide comfort and peace to all who are grieving the earthly loss of loved ones today. We ask for encouragement, strength, and healing for all who are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We thank and praise You for Your deep love for us, Your children. Strengthen families by deepening their love for one another. Strengthen mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers in their vocations that they may train their children and grandchildren in the way they should go as they make their way through this warring world. Bless all authorities, those who serve in government, those who serve in Your church, those who work to bring peace and justice and healing, as well as those who work in schools and businesses. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, nourish us with Your body and blood so that we may be raised to immortality and incorruption and be seated at Your heavenly banquet. While death still claims our mortal bodies, You have been raised up so that we may pass from death to life and join those who have died in You and now rest from their labors in the resurrection. Bring us to the fullness of our salvation, that we may see You face to face and live forever with You, our Lamb and Shepherd; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eternity.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

## *Sacrament*

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

- P** It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have

gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our Maker and King, for You have cleansed us, Your children, through the blood of the Lamb, who was sacrificed for the sins of the world.

By faith, the saints who have gone before us clung to Your promises, leaving an example and encouragement for us who now walk by faith and long to see You face to face.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink the body and blood of Your Son in this Holy Supper. Join us in unending praise with our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, and all the

saints in glory who have run the race, kept the faith, fought the good fight and been crowned in glory. In Jesus' name, we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Distribution Hymns

Hymn: 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Hymn: 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Hymn: 588 Jesus Loves Me

Hymn: 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

# Post-Communion Canticle: 643

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er - liv-ing,



The peo-ple of our God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks - giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Hebrews 12:2*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Lead us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His eternal kingdom when He returns; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

# Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives sts. 5–8



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He  
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.  
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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*Preacher Rev. Eric Obermann*

*Elder Jim Berkevich & Shane Rossow*

*Organist*

*Acolyte Caleb Laabs & Simeon Peterson*

*Usher Albert & Leann Henning*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Clyde Daberkow in Hospice*

*David Morrison, brother of Jan Bakalyar, undergoing knee surgery 11/6*

*Cleo Wicks, friend of Roger and Shelley Pohlman, dealing with health issues*

*Dave Altman, uncle of Adam Altman, undergoing heart surgery 11/12*

*Our Farmers in the Field*

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Koronis in Paynesville, Good Sam in Estherville*

*Jan Bakalyar, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with health issues*

*Diane Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity Brewster), Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis Brech; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Denny Daberkow; dealing with cancer*

*Lorri Lillquist, friend of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Butch Bakalyar, nephew of Bruce and Jan Bakalyar; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues*

*Our Missionaries in the Field*

*Our Country and Our Military*

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor.

**ALL SAINTS DAY** will be celebrated today. As part of our celebration, we will be commemorating the faithful departed, those who have been called to their eternal rest during the past year. We give thanks to our God for these individuals who were examples in Christian faith to us...

*Delores Steffen*

*Marlene Hendricksen*

*Melvin Grein*

*Linda Wagner*

*Ines Henning*

*June Salzwedel*

*Beverly Hall*

*Rose Parrington*

*Doris Rossow*

**IMMANUEL LWML** meets on Wednesday, November 5th in the church basement. Meeting starts at 5:15 p.m. with a light meal served by Dory Poppe and LaNell Rossow followed by the LWML Prayer Service along with other meeting items. All ladies are welcome to join them.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY, AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS** are held after church from 10:15-11:15. All are welcome to join us!

- Sunday School (3-year-old through 5th grade) is in the school classrooms.
- Youth Group Bible Study for 6th-12th grade is in the mother's room (in the church basement).
- Adult Bible Class is in the church basement.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE** you may call the church office at 507-662-5718, Pastor Obermann at 563-321-0032, or speak to one of the elders.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
NO YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**ILS Shopping Night**

**Friday, November 7**

**4:30-7:30 PM**

**Immanuel Activity Center  
620 Bush St., Lakefield, MN**

*Come and do your Christmas Shopping...*

- Shop the products of many home-based and local businesses for unique gifts
- Bid on the Silent Auction baskets
- Meal ~ 7th-8th grade are hosting as a fundraiser for their class trip with a freewill donation
- I:55 Book Fair



**SILENT AUCTION OF BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED BASKETS** will take place during ILS Shopping Night. If your family would like to create a beautiful basket as part of the auction, please do! If you have any questions, contact Jessica Mulder or Amy in the office. The theme (as long as it is in good taste) and the amount you wish to spend is up to you. Proceeds from the sale of the baskets will go to Immanuel Lutheran School. The baskets will be displayed at ILS Shopping Night on November 7th. Here are some guidelines to follow to make it easier for everyone:

- *Please have your baskets wrapped in cellophane which may be purchased at Wal-Mart or Hobby Lobby.*
- *Baskets need to be brought to the school by November 6th.*
- *Please make an attractive tag with all your items listed on it, plus the total of your basket.*

**SOUP AND PIE SUPPER** for Union State Line Lutheran Church Petersburg is on Sunday, November 9th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the LaCanne Celebration of Life Center in Jackson. All are welcome for soup, pie, and fellowship. A freewill donation will be taken. To go orders are available. LaCanne Celebration of Life Center is located at 1000 Prospect Lane in Jackson.

**HARVEST DINNER** is at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Worthington today, Sunday, November 2nd from 11:30-1:00. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings including homemade pie will be served for a freewill offering. A bake sale will also be held. A large portion of the proceeds will go to Logan Waldner and family. Logan is a Nobles County Deputy Sherriff who was in an auto accident while on duty in March 2025. He is still in treatment from the accident. Please use the north entrance of the church and go to the basement fellowship hall. Elevator is available. The church is located at 1505 Dover Street, Worthington.

**YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE** will be at a booth during ILS Shopping Night on Friday, November 7th from 4:30-7:30. If anyone would like to help out and bake some items for their bake sale, please do! Full pans of bars, partial pans, packaged cookies, pies, etc... would all be very welcome. Please drop off any donations by noon on November 7th. Any questions please contact Sarah Laabs.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION PARENTS**

Practice for our Sunday School Christmas service will be starting on November 23rd during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). The Sunday School Christmas Service is on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4:00. Brenda Matasovsky is directing. She needs to know if your children (3-year-old through 8th grade) will be there as she will be assigning parts. Please let Amy in the church office know if your children will or will not be there. Call her at 507-662-5718, text her at 507-329-7464, or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com). We will need to know if your children will be in it by November 16th.

**MISSION POSSIBLE BENEFIT KNIGHT** is at Martin Luther High School in Northrop on Saturday, November 15th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Tom Traetow (2000 alumni) will speak about how MLHS shaped his life. Contemporary Christian recording artist Jonny Diaz will take the stage at 7:00 p.m. A meal of bacon wrapped chicken, cashew lettuce salad, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans almonidine, dinner, and pumpkin or chocolate cupcakes made by Kiehl's Bakery will be served. Dinner music provided by Jayson Matasovsky. A \$10,000 Exit Challenge to assist with student tuition aid will be offered. Tickets are \$60 and must be purchased ASAP. Johnny Diaz concert only bleacher tickets are \$25. Martin Luther High School is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- Parent Drive Day – NO JCC BUS – Monday 11/3
- Students will be roller skating during their phy. ed. class beginning on 11/3.
- PTL (Parent Teacher League) meets on Thursday 11/6 at 6:00 p.m. All parents are members of the PTL and are encouraged to attend.
- NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY 11/7
- All School Choir sings at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alpha on Sunday 11/9 at 10:30 a.m.

**A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS** will be presented by the Martin Luther High School Drama Department on Thursday, November 6th at 12:30 p.m., Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and watch the students perform this heart warming, hysterical story that all families can relate to. Directed by Amanda Bergt and Hayley Luther. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Performances are at the MLHS gymnasium. MLHS is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.



### **VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY THE COUGARS SALUTE YOU!**

Area Veterans and active Military personnel and their significant others are invited to Immanuel Lutheran School on **Tuesday, November 11th** from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** for coffee and rolls in the Activity Center.

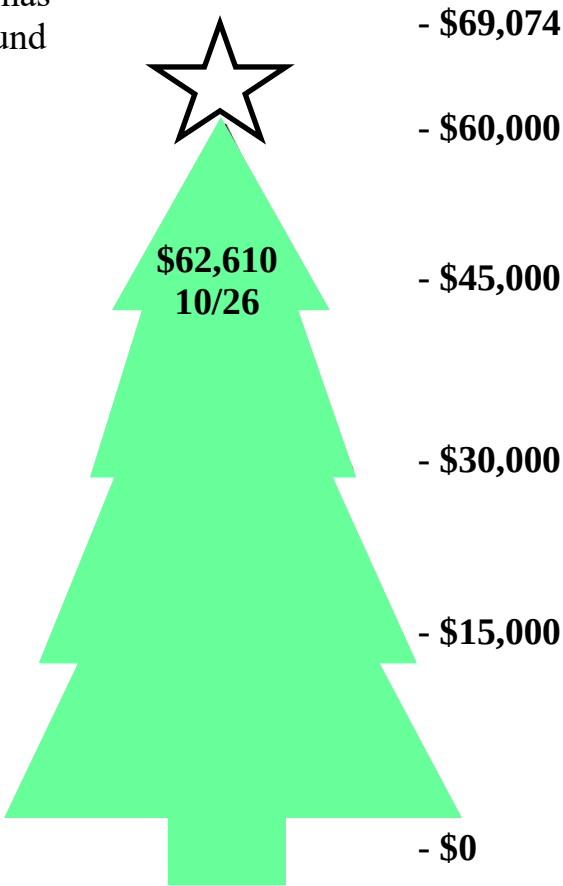
Our students and staff are looking forward to greeting area Veterans and Military personnel and thanking them for their service during this casual social time. Please enter the Activity Center from Bush Street.

**CHALLENGE FROM THE FINANCE BOARD:** The Christmas in July Service is always a special service for our congregation. We sing some of our favorite Christmas hymns, worship outside in our Lord’s creation, and gather together afterwards for a meal. At this service we also get the opportunity to show support for our school with gifts toward the Teacher Salary Fund. The gifts towards this crucial mission go towards providing payroll to our outstanding faculty who teach the young students of Immanuel to grow in Christ. The end of this school year marked our 126th anniversary. As a gift to ensure that the mission of the school in Immanuel is as eternal as God’s love, let us challenge ourselves to give 12.6% of our salaries and benefits of school faculty in the amount of \$69,074 as a special giving project. There has been an

anonymous donor who has gifted \$25,000 to this fund leaving a remaining balance of \$44,074.

Please consider making a gift above and beyond your normal offering. There will be a tracking thermometer in the Narthex to follow along with as we work towards this goal along plus this Christmas tree in the bulletin.

Don’t forget to mark your offering envelopes “TSF or Teacher Salary Fund” when giving.



## **UPDATE AND THANK YOU ON ILS FUNDRAISERS:**

- The Pastry Puffin Fundraiser was a huge success! We sold 1,052 items! The profit was \$7,241.79. We will begin shopping for a GaGa pit and a 9 Square in the Air set. The goal is to have sets that can be used inside and outside.
- The Concordia Seward Male Chorus Concert was a wonderful day at St. Paul Rost with our students singing with the chorus. The song, “Jesus Strong and Kind” was especially beautiful! This was also a fundraiser for our Band Program and Children’s Fund with a free-will offering and bake sale that brought in nearly \$2,000. Thanks to Susan Dagele and members of the Holy Trinity Church for sponsoring the event and serving the Chorus a meal. Thank you to St. Paul Rost for hosting and our PTL for organizing a Bake Sale. Finally, thank you to our students and LaDonna Peterson for creating joy for all in attendance.
- Pumpkins were for sale this past month as a free-will offering. Other garden produce was also set out with the pumpkins. A total of \$928.17 received which will go to the Band Program. A big thank you to Mike and Kari Byam for the pumpkins!

It’s a team effort to make things work financially for the school. In the spring and summer much was shared about our finances and with everyone’s help and God’s leadership and provision we’re in a solid position financially at present. We are continually blown away by the generosity of God’s people as He works in our lives to do what they can to support ILS. It could be a donation of money, food or time. It could be spreading the word about what God has done and continues to do at ILS. Bottom line: He provides, we are grateful and we love serving your students, your families and our strong and kind God!

- Principal Jennissen

**SPECTACULA  
VIRTUOSO  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

**on DUELING PIANOS**



**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School  
in Northrop**

**Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m.**

Concert features the talents of Jayson Matasovsky (our organist & Martin Luther High School Senior) and Glenn Henriksen (member of the Galaxy 500 Band & keyboard entertainer) who will perform together! Be carried away by the amazing debut performance of these 2 pianists.

Come and sing along, enjoy Christmas treats, and walk in a winter wonderland.

Online advance tickets can be purchased for \$15 at [martinlutherhs.com](http://martinlutherhs.com). After November 30th, tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in person at Martin Luther High School.



Concert is a benefit for the student tuition fund at Martin Luther High School. The school is located at 315 Martin Luther Drive in Northrop.

**I:55 BOOK FAIR** will be held here at Immanuel in the classroom by the concession stand. I:55 is a Christian based book fair company. They have a wide variety of books for all ages (from Christian books and Bible stories to Llama Llama and Bluey plus Diary of a Wimpy Kid and 39 Clues). To see all of the options, go to: [i55bookfairs.com](http://i55bookfairs.com). Book Fair hours:

- Friday, November 7th ~ 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 10th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 11th ~ 3:15-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 12th ~ 2:30-6:15 p.m.
- Thursday, November 13th ~ 7:30-8:00 a.m.

**TURKEY SUPPER** at St. Peter Lutheran Church, rural Lakefield, is Wednesday, November 12th, starting at 5:00 until gone. Turkey and all the trimmings along with a piece of pie will be served. Cost is \$12 per meal. Curbside pick up only. The church is located at 87977 State Hwy 86, rural Lakefield.

**SOUP AND PIE SUPPER** at the Jackson United Methodist Church is on Wednesday, November 5th, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 per meal. Take out is available. The church is located at 900 North Highway in Jackson.

**WE WELCOME** all of our guests and visitors today. We invite you to visit us again. If you have no church home and would like to make Immanuel your church home, please speak to Pastor Obermann or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

**SCRIP ORDERS** are taken weekly. Turn your orders in to Amy in the church office by 8:00 on Monday mornings and it will be ready for you to pick up on the following Monday. Order forms are on the welcome center in the narthex (they're blue). Any questions ask Amy in the office by calling 507-662-5718 or send an email to [immanuel@immanuellakefield.com](mailto:immanuel@immanuellakefield.com)

This is a GREAT way to support Immanuel!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Join the Lakefield Police Department for a heartwarming community-wide Christmas caroling event on Main Street in front of City Hall! Experience a moment that captures the spirit of the season, as we come together to sing and create lasting memories this Christmas! Invite your friends and family to join in the holiday celebration. The event will take place on Sunday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in front of City Hall and will be broadcast live on Facebook. Hot chocolate will be served at the event. If any group within the church would like to make and serve the hot cocoa, they can use it as a fundraiser. The selected songs are "Jingle Bells", "Away in a Manger", "Silent Night", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Directed by LaDonna Peterson.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

1. Facebook: "Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.
2. YouTube: "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield" on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or any time after.

## **POINTS OF INFORMATION    October 26, 2025**

*Current Fund received this past week.....\$18,028*

*Needed each week.....\$10,112*

### **Non-Budget Giving**

*Teacher Salary Fund.....\$2,250*

*Debt Reduction.....\$200*

*School Lunch.....\$100*

*Building.....\$2*

### **Memorials given in memory of**

*Bev Hall to Teacher Salary Fund.....\$350*

*Bev Hall to Immanuel Church.....\$50*

*June Salzwedel to Teacher Salary Fund.....\$220*

*Current Fund received in October.....\$40,448*

*Needed in October.....\$41,914*

*If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann*

*Worshipping on Sunday, October 26: 168*

## **THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...**

**Sunday, November 2**

*All Saints Day*

*9:00 AM      Worship with Communion*

*10:15 AM    Bible Class*

*10:15 AM    Sunday School*

*10:15 AM    Youth Group Bible Study*

**Monday, November 3**

*PARENT DRIVE DAY – NO JCC BUS*

**Wednesday, November 5**

*8:20 AM      Chapel*

*2:10 PM      Confirmation*

*5:15 PM      LWML Meeting*

*6:10 PM      Immanuel Ringers*

*7:10 PM      Choir*

*Thursday, November 6*

*6:00 PM PTL (Parent Teacher League)*

*Friday, November 7*

*NO SCHOOL*

*OFFICES CLOSED*

*4:30-7:30 ILS Shopping Night*

*4:30-7:30 I:55 Book Fair*

*Sunday, November 9*

*9:00 AM Worship*

*10:15 AM Bible Class*

*10:30 AM All School Choir sings at Trinity Lutheran  
Church in Alpha*

*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL*

*NO YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY*

*Monday, November 10*

*3:15-4:00 I:55 Book Fair*

*5:15 PM Board of Congregational Services Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 11*

*3:15-4:00 I:55 Book Fair*

*Wednesday, November 12*

*8:20 AM Chapel*

*2:10 PM Confirmation*

*2:30-6:15 Parent Teacher Conferences*

*2:30-6:15 I:55 Book Fair*

*6:10 PM Immanuel Ringers*

*7:10 PM Choir*

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