

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church
~ LCMS
Lakefield, Minnesota
September 17, 2023



Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Genesis 50:¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Do I fear God when I refuse to forgive someone?

Do I love Jesus because He wept for me just like Joseph did here for his brothers?

Do I trust the Holy Spirit is forgiving me with the Word and Sacraments?

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal**

and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

[P] Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

**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.

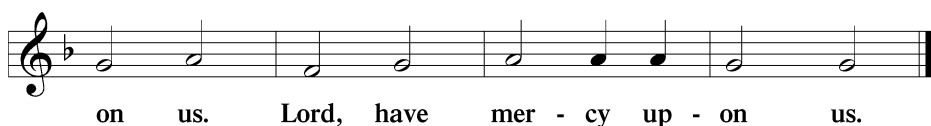
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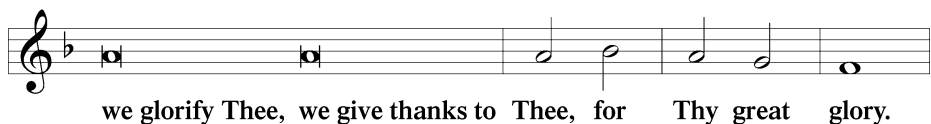
Kyrie

LSB 186



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus

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



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he

may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on

you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.**

Sit

Hymn: 614 “As Surely as I Live,” God Said



1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not
 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and
 3 “All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
 4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My
 par - don and ac - quit; And those whose sins you
 loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days.”
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.
 will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n.”

5 The words which absolution give
 Are His who died that we might live;
 The minister whom Christ has sent
 Is but His humble instrument.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;

He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.

- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.

- △ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!

Text: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707

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Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



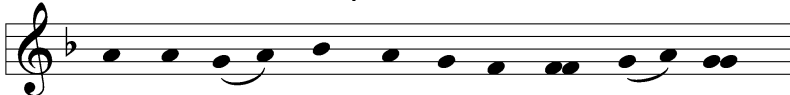
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



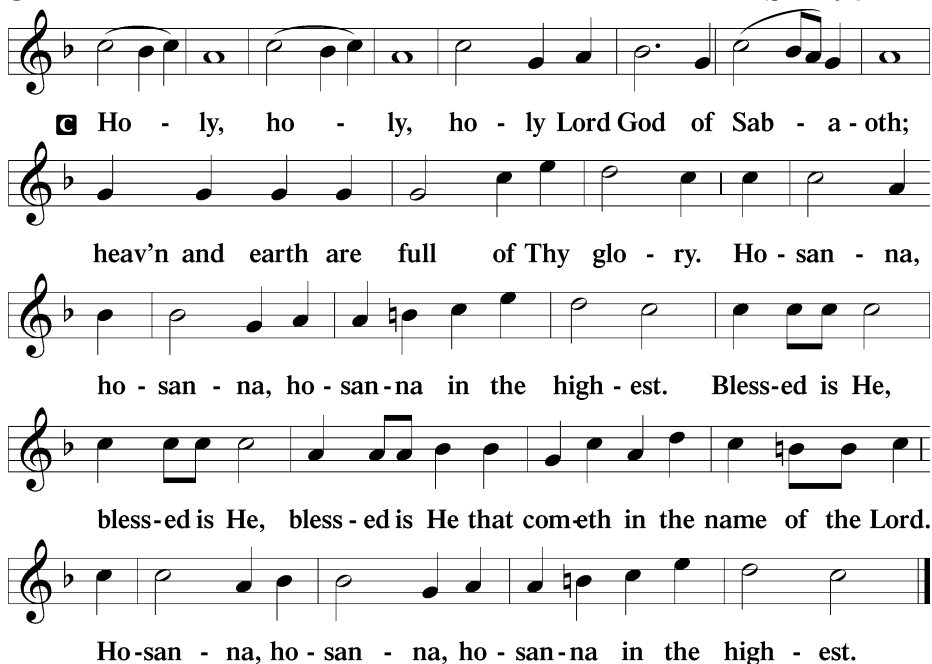
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify

Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



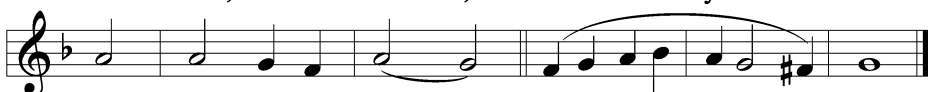
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Hymn: 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Hymn: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Hymn: 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

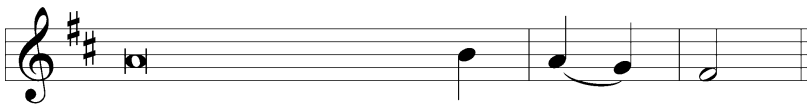
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn: 612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered



1 As reb - els, Lord, who fool - ish - ly have wan - dered
2 Still we re - turn, our con - trite words re - hears - ing,
3 A feast of love for us You are pre - par - ing;



Far from Your love— un - fed, un - clean, un - clothed—
Speech, that with - in Your warm em - brace soon dies;
We who were lost, You give an hon - ored place!



Dare we re - call Your wealth so rash - ly squan - dered,
All of our guilt, our shame, our pain re - vers - ing
“Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more de - spair - ing—



Dare hope to glean that boun - ty which we loathed?
As tears of joy and wel - come fill Your eyes.
Here taste a - gain the trea - sures of My grace.”

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Assisting with the Service

*Preacher Pastor Gary Klatt
Elder Shane Rossow & Jim Ackermann
Organist LaDonna Peterson
Acolyte Kaelyn Swanson-Voight
Usher Leann & Alexa Henning*

We Remember in our Prayers

*Jadi Koep and Riley Johnson on their upcoming wedding 9/30
Bruce Bakalyar dealing with health issues*

*Rev. Jordon Andreasen as he considers the Call to Immanuel
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD
Saint John Lutheran Church in Columbia, SD*

*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Meadows and
Golden Horizons in Worthington, Keelson Harbour and
Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake, Pathstone in
Mankato, Good Sam in Jackson, Temperance Lake
Ridge in Sherburn, Accura HealthCare in Milford*

*Darlene Stender, Chuck Bergmann, Inez Kosen, Merlyn
Rossow, Dave Ackermann, Betty Hage, Berniece
Kolander, Joyce Rossow, Bev Hall, Darlene Stender,
dealing with health issues*

*Bethany Kolander, granddaughter of Doris Kolander; Bruce
Krieg, father of Lisa Jennissen; Gail Bogie, friend of
Beth Carlson; Jeff Meyers, friend of Bruce and Jan
Bakalyar; Shirley Crawmer, cousin of Danielle Rossow;
Darcie Follon, granddaughter of Bruce and Jan
Bakalyar; Ben Byam, cousin of Mike Byam; Lucy
Crowell, aunt of Lori Henning; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-
law of Vickie Baumann; Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS
student Janessa Dunker; Lori Koerselman, friend of
Amy Altman; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of
Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson of Joyce Bretzman;
Denny Daberkow; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark
Freking; dealing with cancer*

Larissa Rucker, wife of Pastor Ben Rucker; Lorelei Burkhalter,

friend of Danielle Rossow; Marilyn Meyer, sister of Loretta Palmer; Rieny Rossow, brother of Betty Hage and brother-in-law of LaNell Rossow; Charlotte Swarm, daughter of David and Inez Kosen; Pastor Travis Loeslie, Bethlehem Morristown; Rob Pohlman, son of Ken Pohlman; Jacob Boe, son of Rose Parrington; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues

Our Farmers in the Field

Our Missionaries in the Field including Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster in the Czech Republic

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.

WE WELCOME all of our guests and visitors this weekend. 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 or one of the Elders at the end of the service.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE you may contact Pastor McDonald directly (507-993-1113 or mcdonald.david66@yahoo.com), Amy in the church office (507-662-5718 or immanuel@immanuellakefield.com), or speak to one of the elders. This includes visits, prayer requests, communion for home bound members, among others. Pastor McDonald is our administrative vacancy pastor.

THERE IS NO WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MONDAY 9/18.

A CALL was extended to Rev. Jordon Andreasen after the voters meeting on Thursday, September 3rd. Please pray for Pastor Andreasen and his family as he considers the Call to serve us here at Immanuel and his current Call to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, and Saint John Lutheran Church in Columbia, SD. Pray that the Lord would guide him in his decision.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY, AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS start today. Sunday School is held in the Immanuel Lutheran School classrooms. Youth Group Bible Study is held in the mother's room in the church basement. Adult Bible Class is held in the fellowship hall of the church basement. All are welcome to join us!

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with Jadi Koep and Riley Johnson as they will be wed on September 30th. We pray that God would be a cornerstone of their marriage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OKTOBERFEST: Check out the sign-up sheets for the work schedule on the window in the narthex. We need everyone's help to make this fun event happen. It is a great fundraiser for our church and an event the community really enjoys. Oktoberfest is September 30th.

THANK YOU so much to everyone in the congregation for picking up a Pulled Pork Meal. Thank you also to everyone who came in to help make that amazing meal – especially to Clay Salzwedel for smoking the pulled pork. It was delicious! A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped out that day. Whether donated bars, assembled meals, delivered meals to cars, or with clean-up... we just want to let you know that we could not have done it without you. We are grateful and overjoyed with the wonderful number of people who drove up for a meal.

- Immanuel LWML

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 30th
North City Park, Lakefield
11 am - 8 pm



Fun for the whole family!

German Food - Beer Garden - Raffle - Bingo

Live Polka Music - Craft Show - Kid's Games

Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lakefield

YOUTH NEWS (GRADES 6-12)

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study Opportunities start today, September 17th:**
 - Adult Bible Class in the church basement
OR
 - Youth Group Bible Study in the “Youth Room” (aka mothers’ room)—Join your fellow YOUTH-brothers and sisters in Christ- for life changing Bible Study. This series is called, “Knowing God Knowing Me: VERY GOOD” It was written by a friend of Mrs. Peterson from “back in the day.” Come and check it out! You will be blessed! Come and see!
- **“Soccer, S’mores, Bonfire & Bible Study” on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at the ILS Soccer Field (located north of the pool). Come to hang out and play soccer or kickball vs each other! Then enjoy a bonfire, including s’mores and a “Master Criminals” Bible study called “We All Fall Down”.
- **Check out the bulletin board in the narthex to keep informed with youth activities.**

BIBLE CLASS will start up again today, Sunday, September 17th. Bible Class is held right after church starting at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Alan Salzwedel will be leading us through the Bible Study that was used at the LCMS convention this summer. All are welcome to join us for Bible Study, rolls, and coffee.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN: We have an email prayer chain so we can pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ when they are in need. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, please email Amy at immanuel@immanuellakefield.com.

OKTOBERFEST UPDATE:

- **Donations:** Please have food donations to the church by Monday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. Unless it's a cake, those need to be to the church by Thursday, September 28th at 1:00 p.m. Monetary donations should be written out to Immanuel Oktoberfest.
- **Raffle tickets:** We have a variety of awesome prizes. Tickets are \$10. Top prizes include:
 - Kozy Heat Osseo 45" Slim Electric Fireplace (value \$1,525)
 - \$500 Butcher Shop gift certificate
 - \$500 Restaurant Crawl (\$50 gift certificates to 10 local eating establishments)
 - \$400 Maynard's gift certificate

Raffle tickets can be purchased after church or from Amy in the church office. If you checked out a book of raffle tickets to see, please return the stubs and money to Donna Hage or Sherrl Handzus on Sunday, September 24th after church. If this does not work, you may give them to Amy in the office by September 28th.

- **Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome at the meeting.

We need everyone's help to make this fun event happen.

It is a great fundraiser for our church and an event the community really enjoys.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG and join us for choir! A willingness to learn and a desire for singing, fun, and fellowship is all that's required. Practice for the fall season begins Wednesday, September 27th at 7:10 p.m. in the balcony. Come one, come all--there's a place waiting just for you!

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to Amy in the office by September 25th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

- School Picture Day is Tuesday 9/19.
- Fun Run is Friday 9/22 at 1:30 p.m. at the athletic field.
- Grandparent/VIP Day is Friday 9/29 at 10:00 a.m.
- Upcoming volleyball games:
 - Tuesday 9/26 at 4:30 p.m. at Northrop
 - Thursday 9/28 at 4:15 p.m. at St. John Vianney
- PTL is running the kid's games at Oktoberfest on Saturday 9/30 from 11:00-5:00.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES: Harmann Studios cancelled our church directory pictures. Our church boards will discuss what to do from here. If anyone has a suggestion, please let Dellyne know.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to participate in a community conversation about sex trafficking. This presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th, at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the VFW. Allan Bakke, a Regional Navigator from Southwest Crisis Center (SWCC), and Roger Pohlman, Lakefield Police Chief, will deliver the presentation. Once the presentation concludes, community members will be able to engage in a discussion. You are encouraged to bring forth any questions or concerns that you may have during this community discussion. Your participation is crucial in helping to raise awareness about this important issue. Note: The SWCC provides direct services to primary and secondary survivors and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, sexual harassment, stalking, and child abuse. They are the initial contact for victims in crisis through their 24-hour safe line and referrals from law enforcement, medical personnel, court administration, and other agencies such as churches, health and human service groups, and mental health centers; many victims also "walk in." 24-hour SAFE Line 1-800-376-4311 www.mnswcc.org

FILLING THE BALLOT for Officers of Immanuel Lutheran Church...the Nominating Committee of our Voting Assembly has begun the process of nominating officers for Immanuel Lutheran Church. We encourage each and every one of you, if contacted to serve, to prayerfully consider serving your Lord in this capacity. Any questions about boards and duties can be directed to the elders or Amy in the church office. Remember that women can also serve on the Board of Education, Board of Trustees, Board of Finance, Board of Congregational Services, or as Congregational Secretary.

REDCROSS BLOODMOBILE will be here at the Immanuel Lutheran Activity Center on Tuesday, September 26th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. For appointments call 800-733-2767 or online at www.redcrossblood.org with code: LAKEFIELDMN. If anyone is able to help with registration at the bloodmobile, please let Amy in the office know. Call her at 507-662-5718.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for the months of October through December are now available on the welcome center in the narthex in both regular and large print. Please help yourself to a copy for your devotional use.

"MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT" is at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. The event is presented by Extreme Faith Productions and sponsored by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. The evening will be a night of laughter, music, and enrichment designed for couples. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.martinlutherhs.com-marriage-date-night. The Fairmont Opera House is located at 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont.

Wondering where you can watch this service?

- 1. Facebook: “Immanuel Lutheran Church” on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. or any time after.
- 2. YouTube: “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Lakefield” on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. or any time after.
- 3. Southwest Broadband Stream TV channel 70 on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

POINTS OF INFORMATION <i>September 10, 2023</i>	
<i>Current Fund received this past week.....</i>	<i>\$14,359</i>
<i>Needed each week.....</i>	<i>\$15,170</i>
<i>Non-Budget Giving</i>	
<i>Building.....</i>	<i>\$4</i>
<i>Current Fund needed for August.....</i>	<i>\$62,396</i>
<i>Offering Received in August.....</i>	<i>\$48,781</i>
<i>+ Tuition Received in August.....</i>	<i>\$44,729</i>
<i>= Current Fund Total August.....</i>	<i>\$93,510</i>
<i>Worshipping on Sunday 9/10:158</i>	
<i>If you have any questions, please call Jesse Ackermann</i>	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL...

Sunday, September 17

- 8:30 AM *Worship with Communion*
- 8:30 AM *Facebook Live Worship Service*
- 9:30 AM *Sunday School*
- 9:30 AM *Bible Class*
- 9:30 AM *Youth Group Bible Study*
- 12:30 & 7:00 PM *SW Broadstream Worship Service*

Monday, September 18

- NO WORSHIP SERVICE***
- 7:00 PM *Board of Elders Meeting*

Tuesday, September 19

- School Picture Day*

Wednesday, September 20

- 8:20 AM *Chapel*

2:10 PM Confirmation

*6:00 PM Youth Group – meet at the athletic field
(ILS soccer field north of the pool)*

Thursday, September 21

7:00 PM Oktoberfest Meeting

Friday, September 22

1:30 PM ILS Fun Run at the athletic field

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM Worship

8:30 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

9:30 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Bible Class

9:30 AM Youth Group Bible Study

9:45 AM Board of Finance Meeting

12:30 & 7:00 PM SW Broadstream Worship Service

Monday, September 25

Oktoberfest Food Donations to the church by 2:00

7:00 PM Worship

8:00 PM Joint Boards and Church Council

Tuesday, September 26

1:00-7:00 Bloodmobile in Activity Center

4:30 PM Volleyball at Northrop

Wednesday, September 27

8:20 AM Chapel

2:10 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

6:30 PM Board of Ed Meeting

7:10 PM Choir Practice

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