

Immanuel Lutheran Church

November 21, 2021

WELCA Thankoffering Service & Christ the King Festival



PRELUDE / GATHERING BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: NOVEMBER 21 – NOVEMBER 28

Sunday	Worship/Holy Communion	8:30 AM
	Sunday School: God Calls Samuel.....	8:30 AM
	Coffee Hour	9:30 AM
Thursday	Thanksgiving Dinner	12 PM – 2 PM
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday	Worship	8:30 AM
	Coffee Hour	9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART Christmas from the Heart will once again be taking place. This program is for E-S School students in our District so that they can have a very Merry Christmas. Gifts will be given along with a Food Basket for their family for Christmas Dinner. The Heart Tree is up.

I could never do this project without the support of our Communities. God taught us Faith Hope and Love and the greatest of these is love. Thank you for sharing yours.

Debbie Wright

THE JOY OF GIVING CCF Bank in Strum is collecting PJs for kids of all ages in support of the Eleva Strum Christmas from the Heart program! When you're out shopping, pick up some extra PJs and drop them off at the bank. Let's make this Christmas extra special for our families in need.

LUTHER PARK BUILDING & REJOICING CAMPAIGN: Luther Park Bible Camp's new Worship Center will be on the way to being paid off if the Cleveland family's matching grant is met. A challenge was made for Immanuel to send \$10,000 by the end of this year, which will become \$20,000 with the Cleveland match. The matching grant deadline is December. Since the challenge was issued in June, Immanuel has collected \$7,478.11. Contributions must be sent to Luther Park through the church to qualify for the matching grant.

Luther Park is an important ministry for our young people to learn about Jesus' love. Please show your support of Luther Park by making a contribution today.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Edna Lopez, Carol Galstad, Cera Eberhardt, Peyton Danovski, Janet Cole, Jon Olson, Jeanette Berg, Mark Hanson, Teresa Edison, and Ron & Char Myhers.

ENDOWMENT FUND - The mission of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is to encourage Christian Stewardship and to enhance the outreach ministry of the Congregation; “As I have loved you, so you must love one another” John 13:34

Requests are invited in December of each year and awards are made at the January annual congregational meeting. A minimum of five percent of the value is given out in four categories:

- Scholarships to members of the congregation attending a Lutheran college or seminary
- Local social service agencies administering to the needs of people in the community
- To ELCA education and outdoor ministries
- To ELCA and Northwest WI Synod sponsored outreach programs and partner ministries

The Endowment Fund, being an important part of our congregation’s ministry, encourages you to consider gifts or memorials and to consider a bequest in your estate planning.

Applications are being accepted now through December 25 and are available in the church office or online on the church’s website www.immanuel-strum.com.

ENTRANCE SONG

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gracious gift of baptism.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPRINKLING SONG

"Baptized and Set Free"

ELW 453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... *O God of justice and love, you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"God Calls Samuel"

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the LORD has done great things!
²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
 the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 126 (Read Responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings
be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may

lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —

this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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 6:25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev Valerian J Ahles

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660



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!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Christ, be our light. ***Shine in your church gathered today.***)

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the renewal for the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

We pray, holy God, for the unity of the church universal: Draw your people together into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ to carry out his holy mission, together sharing the good news of your justice and love wherever we are sent. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation: We give you thanks for transforming the chaotic waters of creation in to the saving waters that nourish and sustain all the earth. Renew us every day by your water and your word. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world: Lead the nations of the world away from the stony wilderness of sin, and toward the holy light of love, justice, and peace. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

We pray, compassionate God, for all in need: For those who hunger and thirst for peace, for belonging, for love, for righteousness, shine your light of justice. For those who mourn or suffer in any way, shine your light of comfort. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

We pray, faithful God, for the renewal of all life: Refresh us with your living water and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Embolden us with your promise and your presence. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith. May we know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. Christ, be our light. ***(sing) Shine in your church gathered today.***

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and share the peace of the Lord with each other.
Peace be with you! ***And also with you.***

THANKOFFERING

As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as “cent” or “mite” societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our Thankoffering.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. ***Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

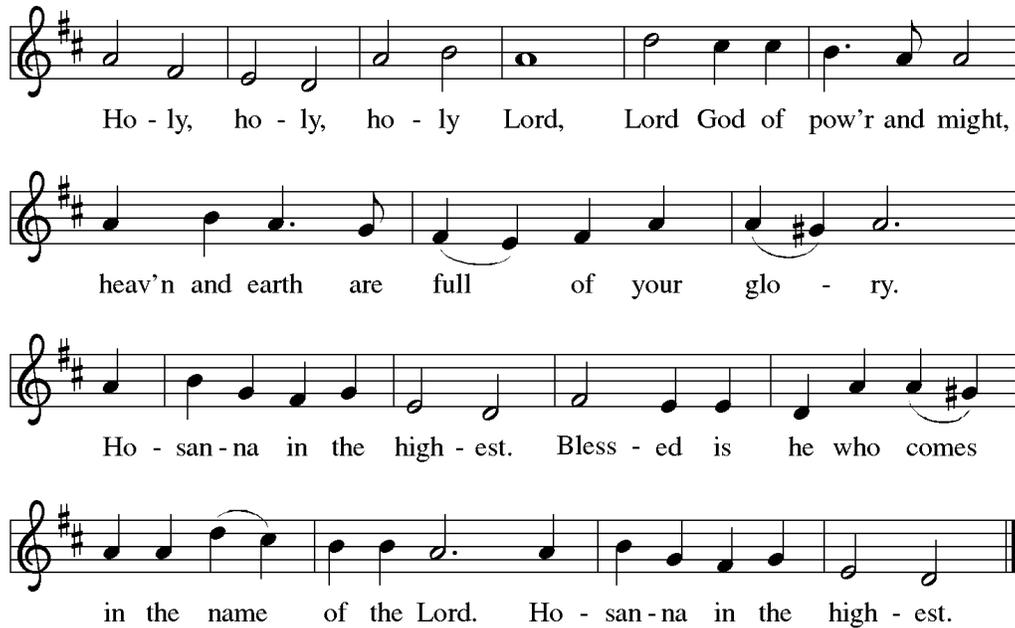
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The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray... You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

***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.*

HOLY COMMUNION / PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with a mother's care, and feeding us in a way our hearts and souls can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God's grace. **Amen.**

Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness. May you find comfort in Christ's gentleness. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God. May you always find joy in God's love and justice. **Amen.**

Holy Trinity ✠ One God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW 547



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 God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, 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 God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL

Rejoice and be glad in the light of God's love! Let us go forth in peace to share the good news. ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

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