

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Eve

November 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.

GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people rooted, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their eternal salvation.

WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,
- Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel.

As We Gather

Thanksgiving Day has a high and great meaning for us as Christians, for thanksgiving is grateful acknowledgement for the past and present mercies of God. We have so much for which to thank God—the Word He gives us, which is the living voice of our Lord. Through water and the Word of God, we are brought into His kingdom in Holy Baptism. The spiritual nourishment that renews our strength for the daily tasks of this life comes in the Sacrament of the Altar, where we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sin. This is our purpose today—to pray, praise, and give thanks. The foundation of our life, including our prayers, is Jesus Christ. This means that our giving of thanks goes far beyond Thanksgiving Day into every day of our lives. We are compelled to give thanks because of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

As of August 9, 2021, Baltimore City has issued guidance that individuals should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.

PREPARATION

Organ Prelude – “CHORALE PRELUDE ON *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*”

–Carl Mueller (1892-1982)

Processional Hymn - #892 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Invocation

P In the name of God, our Heavenly Father,
C **our Creator and Provider.**

P In the name of God, His Son, Jesus Christ,
C **our Savior and Protector.**

P In the name of God, the Spirit,
C **our Counselor and Guide.**

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

Call To Worship Psalm 100 (*A psalm for giving thanks.*)

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
- C** **Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him;
bless His name!
- C** **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. 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.**

Collect Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- P** Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10
(Remember the LORD Your God)

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

G349 “Thanksgiving!”

—*John Ness Beck (1930-1987)*

Epistle

I Timothy 2:1-4

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying,

C “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

P ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith - The Creed (*The First Article*)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day - #894 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "For the Fruits of His Creation"



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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Sermon – Be thankful for

Offertory



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.

Offering (*Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. Psalm 72:18–19*)

VOLUNTARY: “Nun Danket Alle Gott”

—Johann Oley (1738-1789)

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. Thank You, Lord,

C for food, health, clothing, and homes.

P Thank You, Lord,

C for the many freedoms we enjoy.

P Thank You, Lord,

C for a just government.

P Thank You, Lord,

C for teachers, pastors, family, and friends.

P Thank You, Lord,

C for the gifts You give to Your Church.

- P** Thank You, Lord,
C for **Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and Your Word.**

(A moment of silence to give thanks to God.)

- P** Thank You, Lord, for Jesus Christ, Your only Son, through whom You give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in Your Kingdom.
C **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

SACRAMENT

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word, private confession and self-examination)

- P** Lord God,
C **we come to You today confessing that we are often unthankful for all the gracious gifts You have given us. So often we worry unnecessarily about our future since it is in Your hands. Forgive our unthankfulness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive us, and fill us with the joy of Your presence and the promise of our eternal salvation.**

- P** Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to His grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Triune God: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers. Jeremiah 20:13**

Preface

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C **It is certainly good and right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good and right that we should give thanks to You all times and in every place, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore we thank You, Lord, as we sing our praises along with the whole company of heaven:

Sanctus



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.

Words of Institution

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."

Peace of The Lord

P The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you.

C Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn - #806 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.
- C** His mercy endures forever. *2 Chronicles 20: 21*

P Let us pray...

O Holy Lord, we give You endless praise and thanks; for You have given Yourself on the cross to save us from our sins, and now You have given Your holy self to us—Your body and Your blood—to nourish and strengthen our souls. Stay with us and continue to bless us through all of our days, and lead us by the Holy Spirit to live for You, the Trinity in unity.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Women: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

P And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Colossians 3:15–17*

C Amen.

Men: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

C Amen.

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn - #895 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Organ postlude – "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

–Sigfried Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)