Immanuel Lutheran Church Last Day of the Church Year

November 24, 2024 10:00 a.m.

THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation.

We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Building on Christ, Equipping for the Future

The Five-fold function of the Church: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and Evangelism

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

Organ Prelude – "Toccata in D Minor" Dorian / BWV 538 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Chloe Estelle Dorothy Mount, born on June 10, 2024 daughter of Jonathan Christie Mount and Brittany Nichole Mount. Her sponsors are Olivia Portera and Steve Murphy.

When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Stand

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses each candidate:

- **P** How is this child named?
- R Chloe Estelle Dorothy Mount

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

- P Chloe Estelle Dorothy, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Chloe Estelle Dorothy according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- Is it your intention to serve Chloe Estelle Dorothy as a sponsor in the Christian faith?
- R Yes, with the help of God.
- P God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:

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.

- P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even

 → forevermore.
- C Amen.

Sit

Since Chloe Estelle Dorothy cannot answer for herself, I ask the Parents and Sponsors to answer for her these questions:

- P Chloe Estelle Dorothy, do you renounce the devil?
- **R** Yes, I renounce him.
- P Do you renounce all his works?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Chloe Estelle Dorothy, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

- P Chloe Estelle Dorothy, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life

 everlasting.
- C Amen.
- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *Chloe Estelle Dorothy* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

All return to their places.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened. . . .

¹³I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR - "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Epistle Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

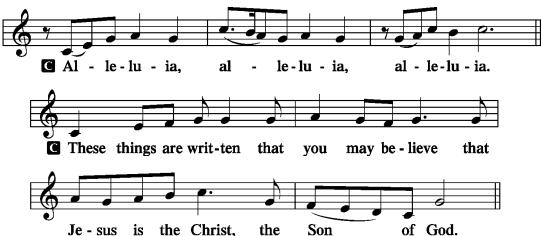
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel John 18:33-37

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



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Sermon

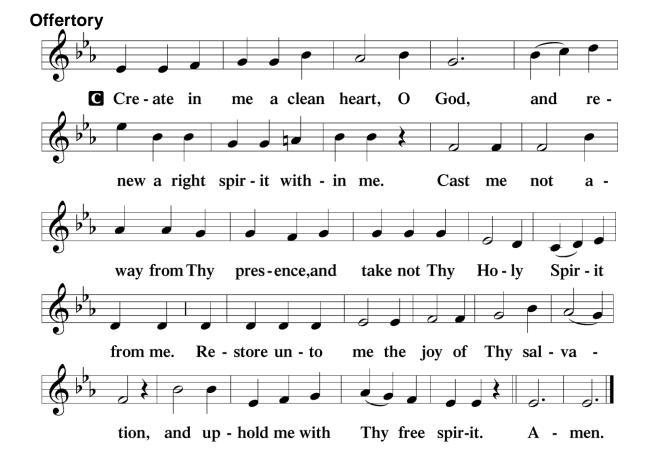
VOLUNTARY –

"Give Thanks and Sing" Fred P. Binckes (1936-2018)

Offering

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ. Give us grace to make a good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Most merciful God and Father, give grace to Your Holy Church throughout the world, that she may serve You with reverence and awe and endure faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, in humility Your only-begotten Son stood before governors and kings and was accused unjustly for our sake. Defend the cause of the weak and those who have no voice in our society, particularly the unborn, the poor and the homeless. Give the government of our nation the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **⚠** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



☐ Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



The Words of Our Lord

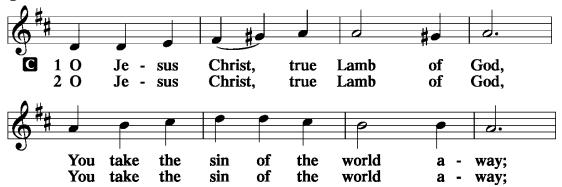
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
 → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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

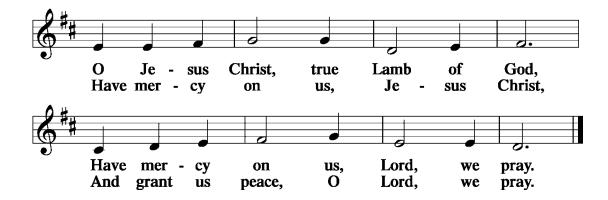
Pax Domini

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

Exchange of Peace

Agnus Dei





Sit

Distribution



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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

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 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 Amen.

Announcements

Benedicamus and Benedictions

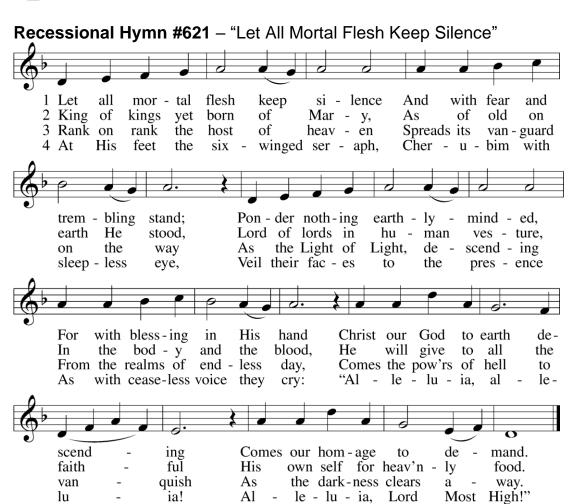
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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.



Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

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Organ Postlude -

"Toccata from 1st Symphony for Organ" Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Those Serving Today:

Pastor Rev. Charles Minetree

Officiant

Liturgist Rick McDonnell
Lay Reader Gary Stratemeyer
Director of Music Muriel Hopkins

Altar Guild Elaine Schwab and daughter Suzi

Birthdays This Week:

28 Nsebong Adah

This Week at Immanuel:

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Sunday	Nov 24	9:00 am	Sunday school, ages 3-12
		10:00 am	Worship & Holy Communion
		Post worship	Special Voters Meeting

Monday Nov 25 7 pm Adult confirmation class

Wednesday Nov 27 Noon Bible study and lunch

Thursday Nov 28 THANKSGIVING -- office closed

Sunday December 1 9:00 am Sunday school, ages 3-12

10:00 am Worship & Holy Communion

Ministry Notes

EACH ONE, REACH ONE

These four little words will be regular reminders of our upcoming Friendship Sundays, which will start in December and continue in the new year. Evangelism is one of the five functions of the church and so vital to our spiritual life.

Who will you reach out to and invite to our first Friendship Sunday on December 22?

To all who have already turned in their 2025 pledge cards, we thank you. We encourage those who have not yet returned their pledge cards to please send them in so that the budget for 2025 can be completed. If you have misplaced your card, there will be blanks in the Narthex.

Friendship Sunday - December 22, 2024, "Each One, Reach One"

As Pastor has been emphasizing Evangelism is one of the 5-fold functions of the church, we are being reminded to reach out to others and invite them to worship the Lord with us. Encourage a friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or any acquaintance to join you here at Immanuel for our first Friendship Sunday.

Sunday Adult Bible Class

We meet immediately after 10 AM Divine Service in the conference room. Our topic will be examining insights given in the book: **Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes**, Cultural Studies in the Gospels by Kenneth E, Bailey. We will gain insights into some of the Bible passages that are covered in the gospels.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Class

Our Wednesday Lunch Bible Class resumed its twice monthly meetings. This class meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. We are going to study an often-overlooked epistle, Paul's Letter to the Colossians. We begin with lunch we bring from home (sometimes we also bring things to share). Around 12:30 PM we begin our study. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Minetree know.

Adult Confirmation Class

Pastor Minetree is teaching an Adult Confirmation Class every Monday at 7:00 pm. In this class we cover the basic teaching of the Christian Faith. Feel free to drop by to join us for one or more classes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- -For the family of Ray Will, who was called to his eternal home Sunday, November 17th.
- -Donna Gerhard, who is in the hospital
- -Alice, friend of Denise Waicker, who is in the hospital
- -For complete recovery of Barbara Griffa, June Dennis' sister who is in rehab
- -Sylvia Holland, a family relative of June Dennis, for her complete recovery from a stroke
- -For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia
- -Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
- -Ginger Glindemann for family members who are being treated for cancer
- -Winnie Kruelle who has been diagnosed with cancer
- -Naomi Kruelle for health reasons
- -Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- -Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown