Immanuel Lutheran Church Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 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.

Healthy Body-Healthy Immanuel

The Five-fold function of the Church: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and Evangelism. Today we look at Worship. Why are you here today? Do you approach God's Altar empty-handed?

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)

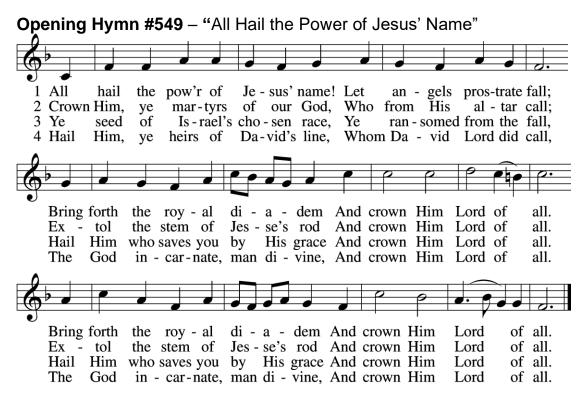
• Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.

• 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 -

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Paul Manz (1919-2009)



 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Divine Service, Setting Four

Confession and Absolution

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G who made heaven and earth.

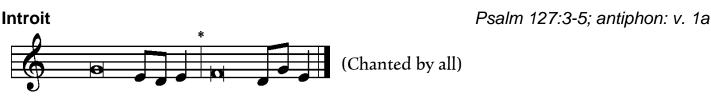
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

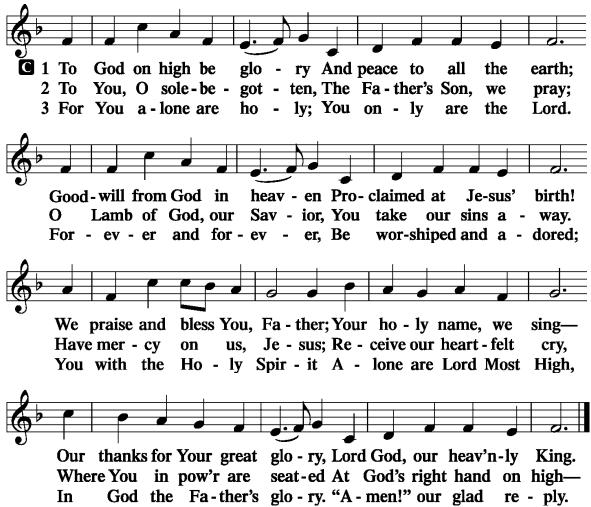
Service of the Word



Unless the LORD | builds the house,* those who build it la- | bor in vain.
Behold, children are a heritage | from the LORD,* the fruit of the womb | a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior* are the children | of one's youth.
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver | with them!* He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies | in the gate.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Unless the LORD | builds the house,* those who build it la- | bor in vain.



Gloria in Excelsis



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- A The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

A Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

C Thanks be to God.



He will command his angels con- | cerning you* to guard you in | all your ways. Bless the LORD, | O my soul,* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

Hebrews 2:1-13

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,

or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

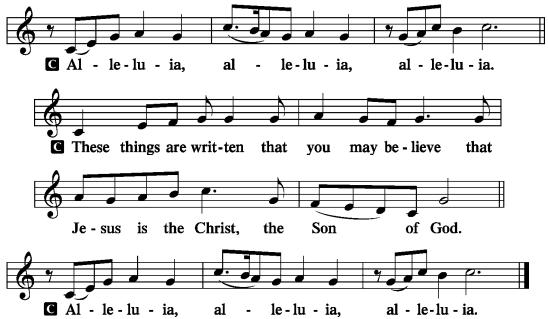
"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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.

I 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. Amen. Hymn of the Day #901 – "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" 10 pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi -on, let me 2 Gra cious God, Ι come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is 4 Thou faith in crease and quick - en: keep Thy my Let me 5 Speak, 0 Ι will hear Thee; Let God, and Thy will be Where - ter there, my soul in joy - ful du ty en un - to me. Where we find Thee and a dore Thee, soul, where it is plant - ed, du - ly sown. Let my gift di - vine. How so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en: un - dis - turbed draw done in - deed. May Ι near Thee Oh. Waits for Him who how bless - ed an - swers prayer. There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a lone, So that all Ι May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the this Filled with sol - ace, light, and is place, grace! en ter Thou: Let it be Thv tem - ple now! un - to hear may be Fruit - ful life in me. all star through life, As my com - fort in strife. foun - tain flows: Here is balm for all our woes. Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt. Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-80 Text and tune: Public domain

The Five-fold function of the Church: Worship

1 Corínthíans 10:15-17

¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

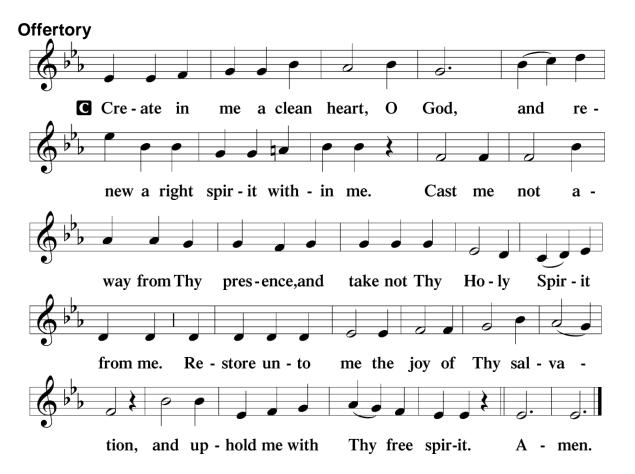
STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Sermon

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

Loving Father, Your Son took the little children into His arms and blessed them. Help Your saints to welcome little ones with joy, that nothing may hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God and the arms of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be near all couples struggling in their marriages. Guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what You have joined together, and reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be near to families torn apart by adultery and divorce. Sustain and heal the wounded with Your love. Give repentance to the guilty and hope in Your forgiveness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, You promise to abide with Your people and uphold them in their suffering. Comfort all who are sick and sorrowing *[especially_____]*. Strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and grant them health and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

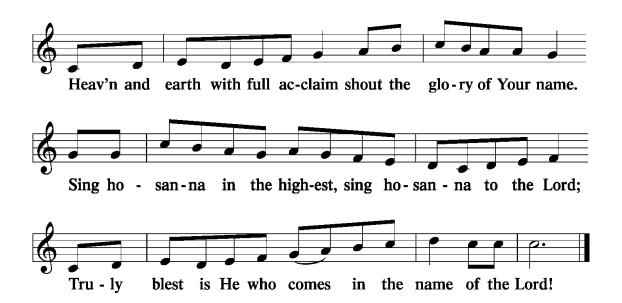
+ Service of the Sacrament +

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.
- **C** 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:







Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

G 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

- 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."

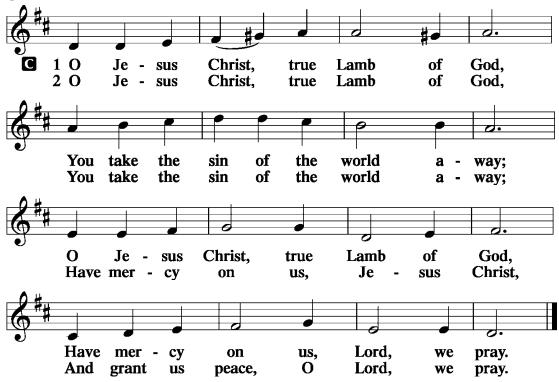
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

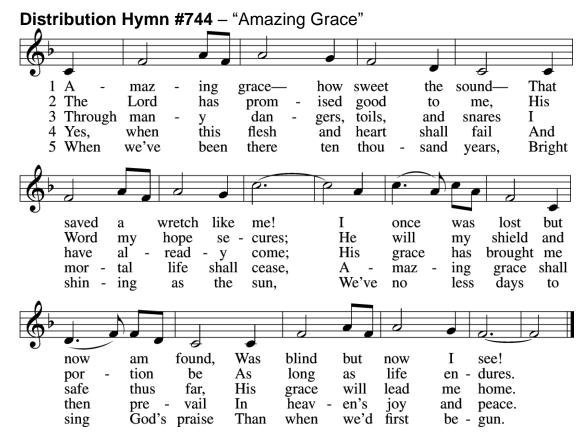
Exchange of Peace





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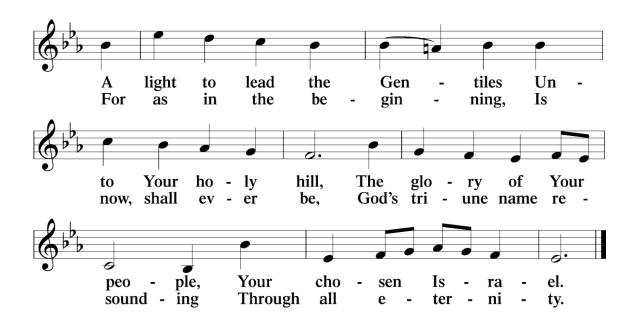
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Stand





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.

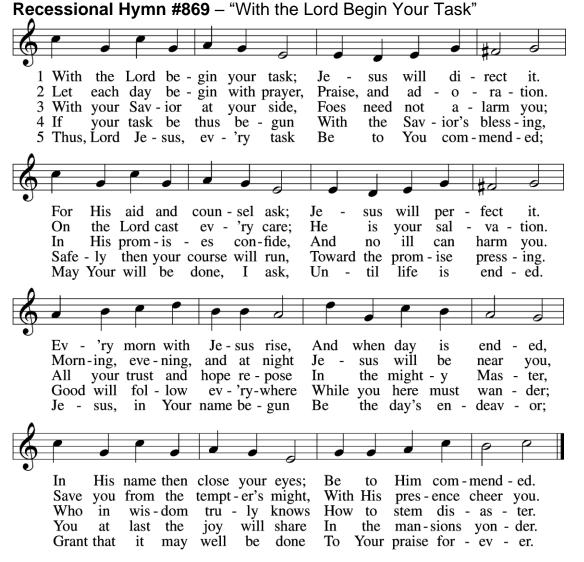
Announcements

Benedicamus and Benedictions

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.



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Organ Postlude – "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" HWV 67 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Those Serving Today:		
Pastor	Rev. Charles Minetree	
Officiant		
Lay Reader	Rick Kruelle	
Communion Assistant	Denise Waicker	
Director of Music	Muriel Hopkins	
Altar Guild	Sheila Gordon/Laura Pickering	

Birthdays This Week:10Laura Pickering11Johnson MomoAdama Paye					
This Week at Immanu Sunday Oct 6		-	9:00 am 10:00 am <i>Post worship</i>	Sunday school, ages 3-12 Worship & Holy Communion Adult Bible Study	
Mond	ay	Oct 7	7 pm	Adult confirmation	
Wedn	esday	Oct 9	Noon 6:30	Bible study and lunch LRIA Board of Directors	
Thurs	day	Oct 10	6 pm 7 pm	Special Council meeting Choir practice	
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Ministry Notes

Today, our sermon themes for Consecration/Pledge month will be the five-fold function of the Church. You should have received the first letter concerning Immanuel's current situation. A second letter, with a pledge card, will arrive soon. You are highly encouraged to attend all these special Sundays. Please read Pastor's article, *A Healthy Body-A Healthy Immanuel* and prayerfully consider your vows of time, talent, and treasure.

Altar Guild Anniversary dinner, Date and time: Wednesday, October 9th, 6 p.m. Place: The Pepper Mill, Timonium. Please RSVP to Carolyn Henn by Sunday, October 6th.

Board of Lay Ministry meeting, Sunday, October 13, after services.

Final Flea Market of the year -- Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 2 pm, and it will be themed for Halloween. Contact Gary Stratemeyer to register or volunteer to help, or office to register. We will have an Immanuel table of items to sell for the benefit of Immanuel. We are especially featuring Halloween and Christmas items! All flea market donations are welcome and appreciated. If you have any items you would like to donate for this table, please bring your items, in a <u>box or bag</u>, to the office by **October 16th**. Please label each item with a <u>price tag</u> (any color),

with a price you suggest for the item. The proceeds from this table will benefit Immanuel. (You need not be present to have your items sold at the table.) Thank you for sharing!

SAVE THIS DATE: A Baltimore-area Joint Reformation Service will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 27th, at Our Saviour Church, 3301 The Alameda. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast will preach.

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd. 1-5 p.m. Shrimp, Oyster and Bull Roast to benefit *The Lutheran Mission Society*. Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. Music provided by the *Reputations*. Raffle tickets available (winner *does* not need to be present to win). Tickets \$50/person; call Denise Waicker 443-981-0019 or Gary Stratemeyer 443-827-6958 for tickets.

"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him"

Psalm 41:1

PRAYER REQUESTS

-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
- -Deborah Thomas, who is home with a bad knee
- -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
- -Leonard Harper who is beginning dialysis
- -Ray Ward who is recovering from hip replacement surgery on July 5

-Jerry Ruble who had back surgery and is recuperating

-Ray Will, who has been diagnosed with neck 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