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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.

November 2

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

All Saints Day (Observed)

The great multitude in white robes

“The Lord takes pleasure in His people.”

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us.”

The Beatitudes

The confession resounds in every time and place by all believing peoples, tribes, and churches: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” These words emanate from faith-filled saints who belong to Jesus. In His eternal presence, the beloved saints are utterly content in endless service and worship. Saints are the ones forever blessed, comforted, satisfied, and rewarded, because their inheritance is the very kingdom of God.

November 9

Exodus 3:1–15

Psalm 148

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

Luke 20:27–40

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

God promises Moses He will be with him.

“His majesty is above earth and heaven.”

Stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us.

He is the God of the living.

The Lord makes His presence known to every generation! Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses received God’s decisive commands. The Lord’s word to them was not vague. So also God is not vague concerning the second coming of Christ. Against all lawlessness, Christ will assert judgment. For the faithful, God will assert comfort, hope, and eternal salvation. As we wait for the Lord’s return, the urgency to repent remains, and yet we remain anxious to obtain the glory of Christ.

November 16

Malachi 4:1–6

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:(1–5) 6–13

Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

“Behold, the day is coming. . . . The sun of righteousness shall rise.”

“The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness.”

“Do not grow weary in doing good.”

Signs of the end of the world

These final days are mingled with destruction and redemption. Intense fire will reduce the evil and arrogant to ash. Christ’s righteousness will delight and heal those who fear God’s name. As we live out these final days, we dare not be idle, but rather labor diligently, imitating the very nature of Christ. Wars will rage; calamities will increase; disease will plague mankind. In the midst of all this, we proclaim truth: the day of redemption draws near.

November 23
Malachi 3:13–18

Psalm 46
Colossians 1:13–20
Luke 23:27–43

Last Sunday of the Church Year

“Once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked.”
“God is our refuge and strength.”
“He is before all things.”
“If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”

Christ is everything—making peace by the blood of His cross. This is the most valuable proclamation for the end of the Church Year. Jesus holds in balance all things: the visible and the invisible; the heavens and the earth; the dead and the living; the wicked and the redeemed. Upon the cross, Jesus utters words that forgive and reserve for repentant sinners eternal paradise. Through Christ alone, we are declared to be His treasured possessions forever.

November 27
Deuteronomy 8:1–10
Psalm 67
Philippians 4:6–20
or 1 Timothy 2:1–4
Luke 17:11–19

Day of Thanksgiving

“The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land.”
“Let the peoples praise You, O God.”
“Let your requests be made known to God.”
I urge that prayers be made for everyone.
Healing of the ten lepers

Good land produces generous fruits to nourish and preserve life. This goodness proceeds from the generosity, bounty, and grace of God. Therefore, in prayer and supplication we offer thanksgiving to Him, content in all circumstances, grateful for sustenance needed for our body, soul, and spirit. So also when God eradicates disease through His Word, we rejoice in His omnipotent grace and power.

November 30
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14
Matthew 21:1-11
or Matthew 24:36-44

First Sunday in Advent

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares.”
“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!”
The hour has come to wake from slumber. The night is nearly over.
Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem
Watch, therefore, because you do not know the day.

Behold, the Messiah comes to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, and it shall be proclaimed in all of Jerusalem, “This is the prophet Jesus!” From Mount Sinai to Calvary, the Lord reveals His edicts, His decrees, and that Jesus is the very fulfillment of them all. Christ is faithful in the midst of faithlessness, humble in the midst of arrogance. He alone is the rightful Prophet, Priest, and King. Hosanna in the highest!

Ministry Notes

Staff Cost of Living Salary Increases

Many congregations find themselves facing challenges regarding their budgets. At a time when offerings and other sources of income coming in for ministry purposes is decreasing, budget cuts are necessary as we all strive to live within our means. One area that is often impacted when funds are limited is staff salaries, and even more so in the area of salary increases which may not be possible in times when budget deficits are a reality.

In order to provide a minimum of a cost-of-living increase to our staff each year, the Council decided during last year’s budget process to fund cost of living increases through donations from members. This is similar to the

way that staff Christmas gifts have been funded for the last few years.

Providing donations to fund cost of living increases for our staff is voluntary. If you wish to participate, please indicate “Staff Salary Increases” before placing your donation in the offering plate or sending it to the church office. Funds contributed at this time will be applied to complete the funding of increases provided in 2025 and then toward 2026 cost of living increases.

Thank you for your participation in this initiative in support of our wonderful and dedicated staff.

November is “Thankful” month.

Most of us have a particular tradition on Thanksgiving Day. I'm not talking about the football games or watching the Thanksgiving Day Parade. It is sitting around the table and recounting things for which we are thankful. Usually this is limited to one item since it is just before the turkey is served. We list things such as family, health, job, home, and some of the material things we have. This tradition is fine as far as it goes.

In the Psalm verses below, King David is giving thanks. He had many reasons to give thanks. I can imagine him at the thanksgiving table recounting: killing Goliath, being chosen as King, numerous victories in battle, being saved from King Saul who wanted to kill him, his palace, and many more. He says in verse 11 that he will recount all of God's wonderful deeds: *Psalm 9:1-2 (ESV) 11 will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. 21 will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

There is something different about the way David is thankful. He is thankful to God first and then recounts His wonderful deeds. David teaches us that the Giver is more precious and important than the gifts. Since God is the source of all good, He is the giver of all good things no matter whose hands He uses to deliver them. David is thankful because God chooses first to be merciful and loving which moves Him to His wonderful deeds.

Likewise, it is God who is merciful, forgiving, gracious, and loving to us that moved Him to give His Son to die for our sin and rise for our salvation. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are our greatest treasure. Yet, without the giver none of the treasure would be given.

This Thanksgiving, remember David's psalm. Instead of being thankful for the gifts, thank the giver. On Friendship Sunday, a Thanksgiving Day devotion will be attached to the bulletin. It is to be used as you gather for dinner. The focus is on the Giver and thanking Him. Also remember and give thanks to all those whom God used to deliver His gifts. These are the people, family, friends, even strangers, that God has put in your life as deliverer of His gifts.

Give thanks always and everywhere to the giver of all good especially the greatest gift of the cross.

Consecration Sunday

Our consecration Sunday (pledge Sunday) is November 30th. Our theme this time is "Living as Thankful Disciples." You will receive a letter explaining our emphasis for Stewardship month. Beginning November 9th, you will also receive a home devotion guide with the bulletin on Joyful Living. God has smiled on Immanuel this past year. Our future is brighter now than it was a

mere two years ago. As we walk together toward Consecration Sunday, begin to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Immanuel's ministry and congregation. I am certain God is not done with us yet!

A Few Thank You's

Pastor thanks the Board of Lay Ministry for their wonderful attention to our Baltimore Concert and Trunk or Treat, which he could not attend. He hopes you have been blessed as much as you have been a blessing to Immanuel and him.

Pastor also thanks all those whose hard work made our Bull, Oyster, and Shrimp Roast a success and joy. A special thanks to Denise and Gary who organized, planned, and ran the Roast. The Roast is not just a fund raiser for Immanuel. It is a time of fun fellowship among members and with people of the community. Thank You.

While Pastor is Away

Pastor will be on vacation and unreachable from October 23rd to November 3rd. Pastor Thurman Frey will be the guest pastor on October 26th to celebrate Reformation Sunday with you. Pastor Lucas Witt will be the guest pastor on November 2nd to celebrate All Saints Day. Since Pastor Minetree will be away, there will not be an All-Saints Service at Immanuel's cemetery this year. In case of emergencies, please contact the church office.

Pastor Minetree

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Our next Friendship Sunday will be held on **November 23** with a Thanksgiving theme.

Please reach out to others and invite them to our service that day.

We will again have candles to light in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one
Refreshments will be served following the service

Lay Readers:

November 2, Rick Kruelle

November 9, Mary Ruble

November 16, Mark Smith

November 23, Gary Stratemeyer

November 30, Roland Obedekah

Altar Guild:

November 2 and 9, Mary Ruble/Sharon Minetree

November 16, 23, Sally Hermann/Mary Ruble

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or Denisewaicker@mac.com. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Lisa Chimento Rebstock, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Rebstock, who is battling kidney cancer
 - Pamela Hasskamp, who has been diagnosed with cancer
 - Gerhard Ehlerding, who is home recovering from his recent surgery
 - June Dennis, recovering from a stroke
 - Ray Ward, who had a fall and is recovering at home.
- No visitors, please
- Gwen Heemann, who is recovering at home
 - Muriel Hopkins, who fractured her arm
 - Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
 - For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia
 - Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
 - Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

- 1 Goshen Joseph Witt (2024)
- 2 Keisha English
Dorothy Wolff
- 7 Joshua Minetree
- 11 Christy St. Clair
- 12 Nyewoe Barwulor
- 13 Guenter Schwab
- 14 Maya Summers
- 23 Eyibio Adah
Ginger Glindemann
Scott Heemann
- 28 Nsebong Adah

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 6 pm Trunk or Treat	1 1 pm Bull Roast
2 <i>All Saints' Day (Observed)</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 Eritrean	3	4	5	6 7 pm Zoom Bible	7	8
9 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 Board of Lay Ministry	10	11	12 Noon Bible Study and Lunch 6:30 pm LRIA BoD	13	14	15
16 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 Eritrean	17	18	19 6:00 pm Council	20 7 pm Zoom Bible	21	22 2 pm Bingo
23 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible Study 12 Eritrean 3 pm Kierrkares T-giving dinner	24	25	26 Noon Bible Study and Lunch	27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28	29
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Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am to 9:00 am and 3 pm to 6 pm Kierrakares Before and After School program in the Fellowship Hall

The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

November 2025

Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations
Deadline for December edition: November 20th

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

THANKSGIVING EVE

7:00 Faith, Eldersburg; Martini, Baltimore
7:30 Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

10:00a St. Paul, Catonsville
11:00a (communion) Redeemer, Irvington

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES, WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 3, 10, 17

11:00a St. Paul, Catonsville
7:00 (soup 6:00) Faith, Eldersburg
7:00 Martini, Baltimore; Redeemer, Irvington; St. Paul, Catonsville

ANNUAL DINNER

Compassion Place
Sat. Nov. 1, 2-5p, St. Matthew, BelAir. Tickets \$65, Compassionplace.org, GiveNow button.

BULL, SHRIMP, & OYSTER ROAST

Immanuel Lutheran., Loch Raven
Sat., Nov., 1, 1-5p. 8037 Philadelphia Rd., Ticket: \$50, Music, Hot and cold Buffet, Call Gary 443.827.6958

YOUR HEALTH, YOUR VOICE

Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg
Nov. 5, 6:30-8p, Healthcare advocacy for seniors and caregivers

EVANGELISM BREAKFAST

Redeemer, Irvington
Sat., Nov. 15, 9a. Please bring a breakfast item. Coffee will be provided. Workshop lead by Revs. Coats and Witt. R.S.V.P. 443.865.4251

THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Thomas Lutheran, Carrollton Ridge
Free to all. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 12:30-3:00. Volunteer to cook turkeys, donate food, do prep work, serve on Thanksgiving Day. Monetary donations offer flexibility to purchase items not given. Contact Cricket at St.ThomasLutheran@yahoo.com or 443.629.7117.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Orphan Grain Train, Millersville
Nov. 1- 15. New and gently used coats and jackets needed for men, women, and children. Bring to the Warehouse, 621 East-West Blvd.: Mon/Tues 9 - 12 noon, Tues.5-7 pm., Nov. 8 & Dec. 13, 9 - 12 noon.

This insert only happens because your church submits items.
A service of The Wyneken Project, appreciating the fellowship we share.
Submit your event to Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org
For locations of churches see LCMS.org > Locators & Directories

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LUTHERAN BOOKS AND BEER

St. Paul, Catonsville
Nov. 20, 7p, Rathskellar, Elkridge. Contact church office for more info.

BINGO

Immanuel Lutheran, Baltimore
November 27, 11a, Fellowship Hall

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Bethlehem, Baltimore
Join us for this FREE community event. Breakfast 10a. Children will hear the real meaning of Christmas, make a craft, and visit with Santa. Bring your cameras!

KIDS CHRISTMAS MORNING

St. Paul, Catonsville
We celebrate The Reason for the Season! We'll hear the Christmas story, make crafts and gingerbread houses, take photos with Santa! Register on website.



MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

Compassion Place
Is looking for sponsors and donors. You can help bring the love and joy of Christ to families in need this Christmas. Please contact Tena Napora at 410-636-0123 for more information about how your congregation can participate, or follow the QR code to purchase gifts.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Compassion Place has several paid positions open:
Assistant Director of Facilities and Transportation (full time),
Driver/Hauler (full time),
Essex Compassion Center Worker (part time),
Compassionate Grace Counselor.
Please contact Heather Rosenkoetter at 410-636-0123
hrosenkoetter@compassionplace.org.

OUR SAVIOUR, EDNOR GARDENS NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Divine Service (spoken) 8:00a
Bible class 9:45a
Divine Service (sung) 11:00a