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OPENING HYMN #901



INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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Congregation: Amen.

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory Be to God on High





THE WORD

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

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:15-21

The true God reveals himself with his Word

¹⁵Truly you are a God who has been hiding himself, the God and Savior of Israel. ¹⁶All the makers of idols will be put to shame and disgraced; they will go off into disgrace together. ¹⁷But Israel will be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting. ¹⁸For this is what the LORD says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other. 19I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right. ²⁰"Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. ²¹Declare what is to be, present it— let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there

is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67D

Refrain



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God, let all the peo-ple praise you.

Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us and make his face / shine on us—so that your ways may be / known on earth, your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God; may all the peoples / praise you.

May the nations be glad and / sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth.

Refrain

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.

May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

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.

Refrain

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 10:45



For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Refrain

Be salt that preserves faith and lights that reveal Jesus

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #745

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus cry ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 If you can-not speak like an gels, if you can-not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can-not be a watch-man, stand-ing high on Zi-on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i dly say ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har-vests wait-ing; who will bear the sheaves a -way?" you can tell the love of Je-sus, you can say he died for all. point-ing out the path to heav-en, of-fring life and peace to all, while the mul-ti-tudes are dy-ing, and the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; rich re-ward he of-fers thee. If you can-not rouse the wick-ed with the judg-ment's dread a-larms, with your prayers and with your of-f'rings you can do what God de-mands; Take the task he gives you glad-ly, let his work your plea-sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? you can lead the lit - tle chil-dren to the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms. you can be like faith-ful Aar - on, hold-ing up the proph - et's hands. an - swer quick-ly when he call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

SERMON Acts 17:22-31

Make Known the Unknown God!

- 1. Who is Lord of all.
- 2. Who is the Savior of all.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor will lead prayer

OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



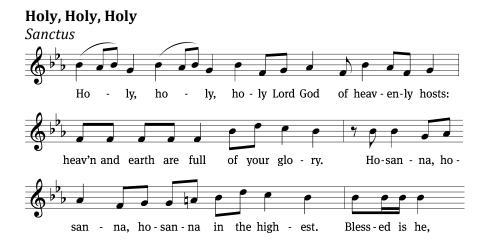
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

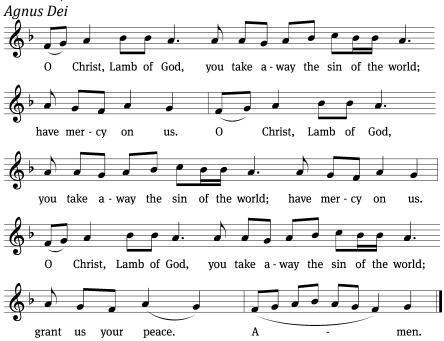
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

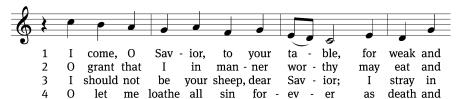
O Christ, Lamb of God

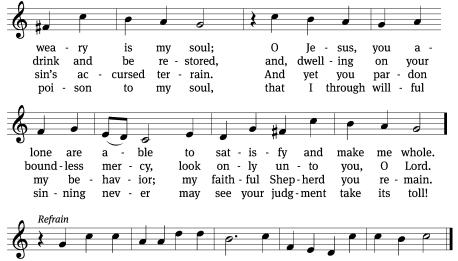


DISTRIBUTION - If you are visiting today we ask you to speak with our pastor before communing. Holy Communion expresses our special oneness in faith and confession, so we welcome like-minded believers from other WELS or ELS congregations. We respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. If you have any question about our practice please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #670

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"





Lord, may your bod-y and your blood be for my soul the high-est good.

- 5 Your holy heart has one obsession, one blessèd thing it burns to do to cleanse the sinner from transgression; so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)
- 6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me, by all this weight of sin oppressed! Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me and feed me as your grateful guest. (Refrain)
- 7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces a heart of deep humility that mourns its sin and yet embraces the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)
- 8 By faith I call your holy table the testament of your deep love, for by your gift I now am able to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding:
 to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
 to angels joy, to hell confounding,
 and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)

10 My heart has now become your dwelling,0 blessèd, holy Trinity.With angels I, your praises telling,shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: **His mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

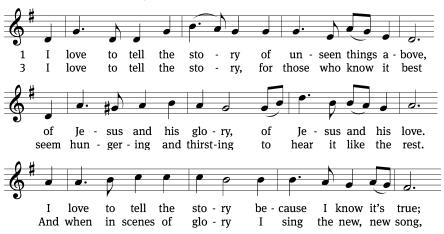
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #746, verses 1, 3

"I Love to Tell the Story"





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NORTHLAND NOTES

BOYS JUNIOR WILDCATS - Attention all basketball-loving boys currently in 7th-8th grade: Sign-up now for our pre-high school boys basketball team! Practices begin on today from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and will continue weekly on Sundays through December 29. We will be playing a minimum of 4 tournaments primarily between January - February, possibly going into March. Call or email the office to get on the list- 715-359-3400, nlhsoffice@nlhs.org.

We are still in need of a coach for the girl's team! If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Coach Schmidt, sschmidt@nlhs.org.

WILDCAT FOR A DAY - Are you considering Northland Lutheran High School for your kid(s)? Let them try it out for a day! Available to ANYONE in 7-8th grade (5-6th graders by request), can join us for an interactive high school experience from 9am-11:30am or 12:00pm-2:30pm on Thursday, October 31! Pre-registration is needed by contacting the office at 715-359-3400, nlhsoffice@nlhs.org. Please see the bulletin board for additional information.

FRUIT SALE FUNDRAISER IS BACK! - Watch Northland Notes in the coming weeks for additional information!

SPORTS SUPPORTERS NEEDED! Fall sports are fully underway, please consider serving the Lord by volunteering for any of our sports events (contact the school office) or by writing a Thrivent Grant (call Stacy Summers at 715-212-4610).

Serving You in Worship:				
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display	
Sunday Oct. 20, 9:00 AM	Byron Draeger	Joy Peterson	Dean Peterson	
Next Week Sun. Oct. 27, 8:00 AM	Evan Dobberfuhl	Tracy Pawlowski	Amelia Kirchner	
Next Week Sun. Oct. 27, 10:15 AM	Terry Landwehr		Nicole Luedtke	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (10/20)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (w. Holy Communion) Fellowship to Follow Mission Festival Presentation
Monday (10/21)	3-7 PM	Immanuel's Community Blood Drive
Wednesday (10/23)	3:45 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Sunday (10/27)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 1-3 PM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship Trunk or Treat

TODAY'S SERVICE uses new hymnal materials. (We will use them again November 15th. We aim for full use December 1st.) Hymnals have arrived. The Memorial Fund has covered the cost of materials. (This will be noted inside each hymnal. If you desire to offset costs or donate a hymnal in specific memory/honor of someone, please take an envelope from the usher's cart and note the individual's name. (Hymnals were purchased at \$28 each.) Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

MISSION FESTIVAL Immanuel welcomes and thanks seminary student, Ben Hillmer and his wife, Abby, who will present on mission work in England and the United Kingdom. A freewill offering will be sent to this specific mission.

Ben writes: This might sound a bit ironic, but in a land full of churches and Christian history, Christianity has become just that: history. After graduating from MLC in the Spring of 2023, we were asked by Abby's uncle, Missionary Michael Hartman, to go overseas and volunteer for the new mission in England. Although a group has been worshiping sporadically for over 25 years, the Lutherans in England wanted to make their ministry official and full-time. We helped the missionaries and members find a permanent worship location, partner with several charity organizations, and develop a church name and brand. We are excited to share some of the highlights from our experience and some of the more recent ways God continues to pour out his hand of blessing in England. We look forward to seeing you there!

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED Pastor Ewald is deliberating the Divine Call to serve as Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Hartford, Wisconsin. He welcomes any questions or encouragement (and all prayers!) as to where and how his gifts may best be used in God's kingdom.

WELS AREA YOUTH NIGHT is happening today. We will start out at Wilke's Dairy Farm (T8417 CTH-W, Wausau) at 4:30pm to do the giant corn maze and we'll then come back to the St. Peter Wausau Campus (2822 N. 6th St.) for pizza, fellowship, pumpkin carving and painting from 5:30-8pm. All area WELS teens are invited to come at no cost. They are invited to bring a friend for fun and Bible study.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE is Monday October 21st, from 3:00-7:00 PM. It only takes 30-45 minutes to donate and can help up to three people. Walk-ins are welcome; however, they are on a first come first served basis. Schedule a time to donate by calling 715-572-9833.

TRUNK OR TREAT Immanuel Lutheran's Community Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 27th from 1-3pm. In order for this to be a success, we're looking for help in a number of areas:

- Consider signing up to decorate your car and handing out candy to the youth who will attend this event. We're hoping for 350 in attendance. Need ideas for decorating? How about the Ninja Turtles or My Little Pony, or why not portray one of the Bible stories you know and love! Look at Pinterest for ideas!
- We need volunteers to direct parking, help stuff treat bags, assist with games, and help in other ways as well. Sign-up sheets are found on church bulletin board.
- We are also looking for donations of wrapped candy or monetary donations for candy to help to make sure we have enough candy for this event.

Please contact Jeff Wendorf (715.496.0059) or Pastor Ewald (715.693.2910) with any questions. Thank you.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING Ladies Aid is again sponsoring a project to buy "Bible Sticks" for our troops and their families, as well as, putting audio Bibles (Proclaimers) into the hands of all people. For more information about *Faith Comes By Hearing* please speak with a Ladies Aid member. If you would like to donate to this wonderful way of sharing the Gospel, donations are due by **Dec. 8**. Please make checks out to Immanuel Ladies Aid. Donations can be placed in the Ladies Aid mail box. Thank you.