

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.



We welcome you to Immanuel. As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am-12:00 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm

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Today's Service Participants

Pastor: Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Keyboardist: Deborah Butler

Musicians/Song Leaders: Kris Anne Baker, Brent Hudson, Lauren Lovelace, Patty MacInnes and Deb Sullivan

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude

"In the Fields of the Lord"

PL Welcome

*PL **Mission Statement:** **As we follow Jesus** our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people.

Gathering

*Call to Worship

PL What brings us joy?

C What slows us down?

PL What gives us hope?

C What makes us think?

PL What invites us to wonder?

C What makes us change?

PL Might it have everything to do with the Holy?

C Let us worship our Triune God.

***Opening Song** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* vs. 1,2 ELW #693

*Greeting

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*PL **Prayer of the Day** (prayed by all)

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir

"Make It a Day of Thanksgiving"

Word

A First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that

whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"* ELW #884

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*PL Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with

the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid’s Time Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Message Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” ELW #678

Affirmation of Faith

A We believe in the coming of the kingdom of God.

C It is a kingdom that will have no end.

A It is a kingdom in which God’s purposes will be fully realized.

C It is a kingdom that has already begun.

A It is marked by small acts of kindness, love and generosity.

C It is hidden, quiet and works in ways we often do not recognize.

A This kingdom will reunite what has been separated and restore what has been broken.

C We pray for this kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***The Prayers**

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth’s resources. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offering *Art Talk: Rev. Alla Renée Bozarth*

Offertory “Praise and Thanksgiving” vs. 1-3 ELW #689

***Offertory Prayer** (read by all)

PL Let us pray,

C O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom, truth, justice, peace and love. O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service. O Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PL ***Words of Institution**

PL ***The Lord's Prayer** (prayed by all)

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.

PL Come to this table because you hunger and thirst. Come to this table because you're eager to be "good and faithful servants". Come to this table because here you meet the One who lived, died and was raised to new life. Come.

The Communion of Christ's People

After all have communed:

PL May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PL **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW #674

***Blessing**

PL May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

***Dismissal**

PL Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!

Elizabeth Ashley Hoke Memorial Thanksgiving Feast - Thanksgiving Day 7th Annual delicious FREE homestyle Thanksgiving meal. In-person at Immanuel from 1-3 pm. Contact outreach@ehoketrust.org for more info.

Growing Hope Globally Mini-Auction - Closes November 26 at Noon

Order from Thai Dish Cuisine - November 29

10% of the cost of orders will be donated to Growing Hope Globally!

Christmas Again Boutique - December 2

We are now accepting new or gently-used, high end but no longer wanted Christmas decorations, as well as items for Santa's Secret Workshop.

Tamale Sale - In December. Stay tuned for details.

ILC Kids Christmas Performance - December 17

Practices during Sunday School (Sundays, 9:30-10:15 am).

No practice on November 26th.

Youth Faith Walk - Sundays, 9:30-10am

Growing our beliefs and values in the real world.

Adult Sunday School - Sundays, 9:30-10:15 am

Guest speakers from Trustees - November 19. Deacons - November 26.

Videos of past weeks: www.youtube.com/ImmanuelSilverton/videos

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