

**The Light  
has come into the world**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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**Speaker:**

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**Organist:**

Ann Sprengeler

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 25:1-10*

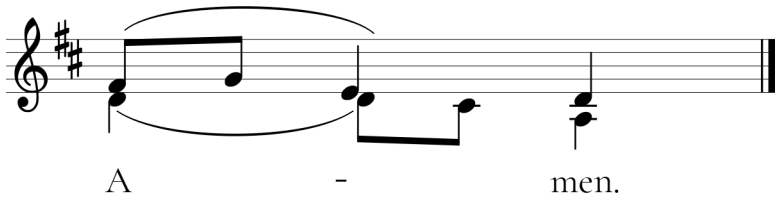
To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. <sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they *are* from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #7 As We Begin Another Week

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

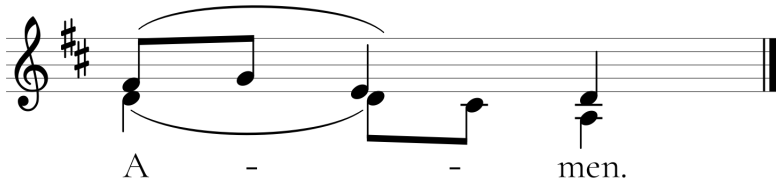


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

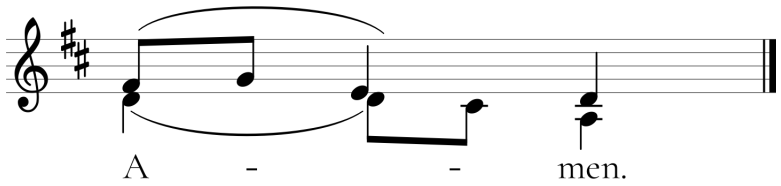


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32** The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, <sup>2</sup> "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup> "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die. <sup>25</sup> "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not

fair? <sup>26</sup> "When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. <sup>27</sup> "Again, when a wicked *man* turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. <sup>28</sup> "Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup> "Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? <sup>30</sup> "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

**Matthew 21:23-32** <sup>23</sup> Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are



You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" <sup>24</sup> But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: <sup>25</sup> "The baptism of John-- where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup> "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. <sup>30</sup> "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did the will of *his* father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> "For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it*, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are written that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**#261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

# SERMON

**Philippians 2:1-4** Therefore if *there* is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup> *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

## CLUTCHING THE LIGHT

Paul reminds us to hold on to the truth we have received from Christ during times of darkness. Not only to clutch it for ourselves but to share it with others.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #341 Crown Him with Many Crowns

### OFFERING HYMN #572:4

As Thy prospering hand hath blest,  
 May we give Thee all our best  
 And by deeds of kindly love  
 For Thy mercies grateful prove,  
 Singing thus through all our days  
 Praise to God, immortal praise.

# PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #344 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, October 1

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

### Tuesday, October 3

7 pm School Board Meeting

### Wednesday, October 4

3:45pm Confirmation Class

### Sunday, October 8

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26 Voter's Meeting

## USHERS FOR OCTOBER

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Russ Brown, Joe, Brown

## COUNTERS

### This Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

### Next Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 66

Bible Class – 14

Sunday School - 10

General Fund – \$ 3136

Missions - \$ 120

## PRAYERS

**Lisa Poch** is in the hospital in Madison with complications from diabetes.

**Kate Sauers** has ALK-positive anaplastic large-cell lymphoma.

### Update on Kensleigh Williams:

Due to a blood clot in her arm she needed to have the pic line removed. A port was successfully placed. she will need blood thinner injections twice a day for six weeks, she will get another round of Chemo today ( Sun), Please keep praying for her

## CC SUMMARY

Coordinating Council Summary available on the shelf under the bulletin board.



## DEPRESSION SEMINAR

If anyone missed the depression seminar last year, the same seminar will be presented in Fond Du Lac. When: Saturday, October 21 at 1pm  
Where: Lutheran Memorial, Fond Du Lac

## 2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:  
[www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org)

## TRIP TO GREECE AND TURKEY

Nathaniel Mayhew is planning a visit to Greece and Turkey to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. More information is available on the shelf.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-19  
Phil. 3:4b-14  
Matt. 21:33-46

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. Calvary Lutheran, along with St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI, have now called Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL.

Professor Mark Kranz will be retiring at the end of the current school year.

For personal reasons Teacher Nathan Buck has resigned his call to Messiah Lutheran School of Eau Claire WI. Please keep Nathan and his family, as well as Messiah Church and School, in your prayers.

## MDF

Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year but without additional funds will run dangerously low. Please remember the MDF in your offerings and prayers.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR**

### **IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL:**

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email

or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR**

### **ILC PRESIDENT:**

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2024. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.





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