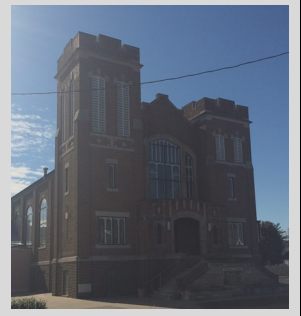


Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread



Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity ~ October 6th, 2024

Lectionary Summary:

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28:10–17

Ephesians 4:22–28

Matthew 9:1–8

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. *"For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation"* (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"* (Gen. 28:17).



Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am

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MEMORY VERSE

THE LORD
PASSED BEFORE HIM AND PROCLAIMED,
"THE LORD,
THE LORD, A GOD MERCIFUL AND
GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING
IN STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS."

EXODUS 34:6



Live Broadcast

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

Church Announcements:

Bible Study Snacks: You can sign up to provide snacks on a future Sunday on the bulletin board downstairs.

A big thank you to LWML as they will be providing treats the entire month of October.

LWML Mites: The LWML will collect mites following the Divine Service this morning and next Sunday.

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism: Lydia Christian was baptized on September 26th while hospitalized following birth. We publicly recognize God's gift of Baptism at the beginning of today's Divine Service.

"Gift Card" Baby Shower Basket: The ladies of the church are sponsoring a "Gift Card" baby shower for Pastor and Moriah's baby girl, Lydia Elizabeth. If you wish to participate, a basket will be placed on the table at the back of the church for you to place your card in. The basket will be available October 6th, 13th & 20th.

Trunk-or-Treat: Trunk-or-Treat will be Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5:00–8:00 pm. Contact Theresa Karg 618-534-8175 if you can participate. You will need to arrive at 4:30 pm that evening to get your car ready. Donated candy or prizes would be appreciated, any donations can be dropped off near the mailboxes in the church or in the church/school office.

Food Collection Drive; Church vs School: Immanuel Lutheran Church and School will be hosting a food collection drive. All food will be donated to the Murphysboro Food Pantry, just in time for Thanksgiving. The group that brings in the most food will be deemed the "winner" and will be able to have the opportunity to dunk Pastor Christian. Food will be collected Sunday, September 29–Monday, October 28. While all foods are welcome, the MFP has requested the following items:

Ground Cinnamon, Garlic Powder, Canned Pumpkin Puree, Marshmallows, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup, Shelf-Stable Pie Shells, Stuffing Mix



School Announcements:

I forgot to announce the recipients of our Excellent Eagle Awards last week. Congratulations to our students of the month for September! ILS is very proud of you! The following students received awards for effort:

Martin Stephens, Lyra Mobley, Teagan Stewart, Aria White, Cora Mayberry, Hallie Baltzell, Connie Miller, Phoenix Sullivan, Eloise Hernan, Bowan Mueller, Emma Baker, Ben Wade, Kassie Smith, Jack Baker, Aurora Carson, Leah Mobbs, Olivia Hines, Jack Wade, Lillian Guy, Francisco Flores, Makayla Harrison, and Emily Beckman.

This past week, the students had their yearbook photo taken by Whimsey Photography. Nichole Smelter always does an excellent job, and we like keeping the business local.

This week begins the food collection. You can start bringing in your canned goods or shelf-stable items that will be donated to the Murphysboro Food Pantry.

– *Veronica Manwaring, Principal*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons are taught by Mrs.
Michele Carter

SUNDAYS FROM 10:15AM-11:15AM
CAFETERIA IN CHURCH BASEMENT

All children are welcome!



Important Dates in the Church:

7 October

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor

Moving from the Old World to the New, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg established the shape of Lutheran parishes for North America during a forty-five-year ministry in Pennsylvania. Born at Einbeck, Germany, in 1711, he came to the American colonies in 1742. A tireless traveler, Muhlenberg helped to found many Lutheran congregations and was the guiding force behind the first Lutheran synod in North America, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, founded in 1748. He valued the role of music in Lutheran worship (often serving as his own organist) and was also the guiding force in preparing the first American Lutheran liturgy (also in 1748). Muhlenberg is remembered as a church leader, a journalist, a liturgist, and—above all—a pastor to the congregation in his charge. He died in 1787, leaving behind a large extended family and a lasting heritage: American Lutheranism.*

9 October

Abraham

Abraham (known early in his life as Abram) was called by God to become the father of a great nation (Genesis 12). At age seventy-five and in obedience to God's command, he, his wife, Sarah, and his nephew Lot moved southwest from the town of Haran to the land of Canaan. There God established a covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15:18), promising the land of Canaan to his descendants. When Abraham was one hundred and Sarah was ninety, they were blessed with Isaac, the son long promised to them by God. Abraham demonstrated supreme obedience when God commanded him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering. God spared the young man's life only at the last moment and provided a ram as a substitute offering (Genesis 22:1–19). Abraham died at age 175 and was buried in the Cave of Machpelah, which he had purchased earlier as a burial site for Sarah. He is especially honored as the first of the three great Old Testament patriarchs—and for his righteousness before God through faith (Romans 4:1–12).

11 October

Philip the Deacon

Philip, also called the evangelist (Acts 21:8), was one of the seven men appointed to assist in the work of the twelve apostles and of the rapidly growing Early Church by overseeing the distribution of food to the poor (Acts 6:1–6). Following the martyrdom of Stephen, Philip proclaimed the Gospel in Samaria and led Simon the Sorcerer to become a believer in Christ (Acts 8:4–13). He was also instrumental in bringing about the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26–39), through whom Philip became indirectly responsible for bringing the Good News of Jesus to the people on the continent of Africa. In the town of Caesarea, he was host for several days to the apostle Paul, who stopped there on his last journey to Jerusalem (Acts 21:8–15).*

* From *Treasury of Daily Prayer*



TRUNK
or treat

Please join us for a
Trunk or Treat event

October 31

5PM-8PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church
parking lot

The poster features a white background with orange and black Halloween-themed illustrations. At the top left is a spiderweb. To its right is a black ghost with a white face and a red heart. Below the spiderweb is a jack-o'-lantern on a black stick with a white ribbon. To the right of the jack-o'-lantern is another spiderweb. At the bottom left is a black ghost with a white face and a red hat. At the bottom right is another jack-o'-lantern on a black stick with a white ribbon. The text is centered and uses a mix of black and orange fonts.

Stewardship Newsletter:

“The Singing Church”

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”¹ Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (*LSB 788*) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren’t actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in man-

aging life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!

✠ LCMS Stewardship Ministry;
October Newsletter

Lutheran Radio:

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Thinking Christian

www.issuesetc.org

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You can listen 24/7 on demand at issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

¹ Martin Luther, “Preface to Georg Rhau’s *Symphoniae iucundae*,” in Luther’s Works, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan, Helmut T. Lehmann, and Christopher Boyd Brown, vol. 53 (Philadelphia and St. Louis: Fortress and Concordia Publishing House, 1955–), 321–322.

Weekly Small Catechism Readings:

The following chart may be used to pray through the entire Small Catechism weekly.

Sunday <i>Before Divine Service</i>	Christian Q & A
Sunday <i>After Divine Service</i>	Table of Duties
Monday	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	The Creed
Wednesday	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Friday	Confession
Saturday	The Sacrament of the Altar

Daily Lectionary Readings:

Join in the congregation's daily devotional life with this week's readings.

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
10/6	Deuteronomy 5:22—6:9	Matthew 9:1—17
10/7	Deuteronomy 6:10—25	Matthew 9:18—38
10/8	Deuteronomy 7:1—19	Matthew 10:1—23
10/9	Deuteronomy 8:1—20	Matthew 10:24—42
10/10	Deuteronomy 9:1—22	Matthew 11:1—19
10/11	Deuteronomy 9:23—10:22	Matthew 11:20—30
10/12	Deuteronomy 11:1—25	Matthew 12:1—21

Stewardship Thoughts:

Ephesians 4:24 – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man which is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. So we do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

13 October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

Readings:

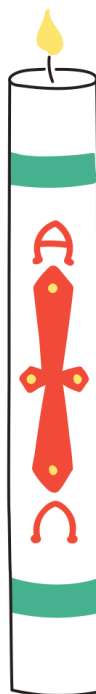
Isaiah 55:1–9

Ephesians 5:15–21

Matthew 22:1–14



+ + +
KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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What is that great big candle?

There are many candles in our church sanctuary. Some we light every Sunday. Some we only light on certain occasions. The tall candle that you see up front, possibly next to the Baptismal font or up in front next to the altar, is one of those candles. That's the Paschal Candle!

What is the Paschal Candle used for?

The Paschal Candle reminds us of Jesus' victory over death. Do you remember the story of the pillar of fire that led the Israelites at night in the wilderness after the Lord delivered them from slavery in Egypt? When Jesus died on the cross, He released us from the slavery of darkness and death due to our sin. Now, through our Baptism, we have been buried with Him in His death and we are now raised to new life through His resurrection! The Paschal Candle reminds us of this. Let that Gospel light shine!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, take your children up to look at the Paschal Candle. Point out the beautiful symbols on its surface that remind us of our Savior and what He has done for us. Remind them that “Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome.” (*Lutheran Service Book*, 243)



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Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Bryce Mueller

Ushers: Bryan Hollmann, Orval Rowe, Josh Proctor, Scott Maloney & Charlie Homan

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler & Jean Winters

Acolyte: Parker Closson

Greeters: Rick & Cindy Fager

Sunday, October 13th, 2024

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Charlie Homan

Ushers: Bryan Hollmann, Orval Rowe, Josh Proctor, Scott Maloney & Charlie Homan

Altar Guild: Paula Wheeler & Jean Winters

Acolyte: Gage Pittman

Greeters: Terry & Jan Estel

Offering Income from last week:

September 29th

Regular Offerings \$ 4,859.07

Loose Plate \$ 1,077.00

Total Offerings \$ 5,936.07

Restricted Funds:

Disaster Relief Donation \$ 150.00

Attendance:

September 29th: 81



Anniversaries:

- † 10-9 Jeff & Nancy Wright
- † 10-12 Scott & Angie Imhoff

Birthdays:

- † 10-6 Sara Streuter
- † 10-6 Richard Weber
- † 10-6 Julie Marik
- † 10-6 Laura Holmes
- † 10-7 AJ Boese
- † 10-7 Nancy Wright
- † 10-9 Lloyd Mueller
- † 10-10 Jeff Presutti
- † 10-10 Abby Beckman
- † 10-10 Gage Pittman'
- † 10-11 Eli Pittman
- † 10-12 Charles Williams

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- † 10-7 Trenton Wheeler
- † 10-7 Kathy Davidson
- † 10-8 Virginia Lewis
- † 10-8 Adam MacFarlane
- † 10-9 Mitchell Maloney
- † 10-10 Erica Clendenin
- † 10-11 Carolyn Guetersloh
- † 10-11 Canaan Cason

Immanuel Families:

- † Jim & Zoey Comingore
- † Pat Cottonaro
- † Dean & Nancy Craig



Comfort, health, recovery:

† Those in the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, & Healthcare

- † David Arbeiter
- † Norman Beckman
- † Leah Carter
- † Lydia Christian
- † Ben Dallas
- † Tina Doan
- † Paul Estel
- † Terry Estel
- † Annette Etherton
- † Jane Gilbert
- † David Gregory
- † Marilyn Imhoff
- † Virginia Lewis
- † Ron Manwaring
- † Rev. Ted Mayes
- † Luella McComb
- † Brenda Miesner
- † Nelda Miesner
- † Wilma Nelson
- † Don Porter
- † Jeff Presutti
- † Amanda Reinhardt
- † Sarah Reitzel
- † Becky Streuter
- † Alice Svanda
- † Brenda Todd
- † Evie Todd
- † Richard Weber
- † Sue Williams
- † Beth Zobel
- † Carol Zobel

Let us pray at all times in the Spirit with boldness and confidence — making supplication for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).
—† Pastor Christian



October BIRTHDAYS

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| 10-3 Carolyn Guetersloh | 10-14 Laura Lynn Mueller |
| 10-3 Jason Jarrett | 10-15 Bernadine Ihle |
| 10-4 Erica Clendenin | 10-15 Carsyn Karg |
| 10-5 Javen McRoberts | 10-16 Eric Hollmann |
| 10-6 Sara Streuter | 10-16 Tonya Walker |
| 10-6 Richard Weber | 10-18 Sue Williams |
| 10-6 Julie Marik | 10-18 Forrest Miesner |
| 10-6 Laura Holmes | 10-20 Audrey Vaughn |
| 10-7 AJ Boese | 10-20 Maebrie Middendorf |
| 10-7 Nancy Wright | 10-21 Austin Jarrett |
| 10-9 Lloyd Mueller | 10-23 Elizabeth VanOver |
| 10-10 Jeff Presutti | 10-24 Sarah MacFarlane |
| 10-10 Abby Beckman | 10-27 Leah MacFarlane |
| 10-11 Gage Pittman | 10-28 Judy Dempsey |
| 10-11 Eli Pittman | 10-28 Jim Zobel |
| 10-12 Charles Williams | 10-31 Richard Arbeiter |
| 10-14 Brian Manwaring | |

Altar Guild

- Paula Wheeler
- Jean Winters

Ushers

- Bryan Hollmann
- Orval Rowe
- Josh Proctor
- Scott Maloney
- Charlie Homan

Organists

- 10-6 Landon Hicks
- 10-13 Landon Hicks
- 10-20 Landon Hicks
- 10-27 Corey Williams

Elders

- 10-6 Bryce Mueller
- 10-13 Charlie Homan
- 10-20 Mike Clough
- 10-27 Jeff Streuter

Acolytes

- 10-6 Parker Closson
- 10-13 Gage Pittman
- 10-20 Jackson Fager
- 10-27 Ryker Gregory



October ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-1 Rick & Cindy Fager
- 10-2 Larry & Jo Troue
- 10-2 Scott & Paula Wheeler
- 10-2 David & Cindy Gregory
- 10-4 Kyle & Rachel Fager
- 10-5 Corey & Tina Jarrett
- 10-9 Jeff & Nancy Wright
- 10-12 Scott & Angie Imhoff
- 10-16 Scott & Valerie Draves
- 10-18 Will & Jennifer Fox
- 10-20 Brett & Lindsey Closson
- 10-20 Len & Cindy Novara
- 10-23 Mark & Lana Graff
- 10-25 Bryce & Jan Cramer
- 10-25 Eldon & Debbie Dunn



Fall for Jesus
HE NEVER
LEAVES

OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor on Paternity Leave 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	2 Pastor on Paternity Leave 8:30 am Chapel	3 Pastor on Paternity Leave	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 9:00 am Divine Service K-1 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	7 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	8	9 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	10	11 Pastor's Day Off No School	12
13 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	14 Columbus Day No School 6pm PTL Mtg	15	16 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 9:00 am Divine Service 2-8 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	21 6:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg.	22	23 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	24	25 School Noon Dismissal Pastor's Day Off	26
27 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	28	29	30 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	31 Halloween		