

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread



All Saints' Day (Observed) ~ November 3rd, 2024

Lectionary Summary:

All Saints' Day (Observed)

Revelation 7:2–17

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).



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

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— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22 —

FOR AS IN ADAM ALL DIE,
SO ALSO IN CHRIST SHALL
ALL BE MADE ALIVE.



MEMORY VERSE



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.

11/3 – Jim & Carol Zobel

11/10 – Lloyd & Ruth Mueller

11/17 – Maryann Almy

Sunday Bible Study: We've begun a new topic of study. *Concordia's Bible History* provides an exploration of the major events in the Bible and connects them to the teachings of the Small Catechism and church hymnody. Combining these elements with thought-provoking questions for discussion will bring a wealth of riches each Sunday to encourage us in the faith and to enrich our understanding of our place in the history of God's love and care for His creation.

Wednesday Bible Study: We continue our study of Lutheran liturgy and hymnody on November 6th at 10:30 a.m. BYOH (Bring Your Own Hymnal) if you have one. They are a blessing and one of the primary resources for the devotional life of the Christian.

LWML: The next LWML meeting will be Tuesday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.



School Announcements:

The food collection ended this past week. A total of 712 items were brought in to be donated to the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Way to go, Immanuel! The breakdown was Church 222 items vs School 490 items. The students were able to throw water balloons at Pastor Christian as their prize for bringing in the most items. Thank you to all who donated items for the collection and to Pastor Christian for going along with my crazy idea.

The October character trait of the month was courage – “I choose to do the right thing, even when it is difficult.” The following students were chosen to receive this award: Kobie Reiman, Nolan Stephens, Greyson Bame, Sophie Moore, Brixton Page, Emmett Crain, Parker Funk, Eloise Hernan, Hudson Lee, Hosea Griesbach, Nora Gobin, Olivia Hines, Jack Wade, Lillian Guy, Greyson Roberg, Eric Carson, Jedidiah Griesbach, and Darren Tanner. Congratulations! ILS is very proud of you!

Next weekend is PTL's annual chicken and dumpling fundraiser! Allow us to feed you, while you support our school. To-go meals are \$12 each.

Veronica Manwaring, Principal

Immanuel Lutheran School

CHRISTMAS ATTIC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
8AM-12PM

Come shop gently used Christmas items,
along with a Bake Sale

FREE WILL OFFERING

Donations of gently used Christmas decorations
will take place from November 25-December 5
NO CHRISTMAS TREES

PTL's Chicken and Dumpling Dinner

Sunday, November 10, 2024
10:30am - 12:00pm
(or until sold out)

Carry-out Only

Enter double glass doors under portico between church and school

\$12 per meal which includes:
chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes,
green beans, roll, and a dessert

\$12 for a 1 quart container of chicken and dumplings
MUST be pre-ordered by Friday, November 1

*If ordering 5 or more meals, please pre-order by
Friday, November 1*

Important Dates in the Church:

8 November

Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor

Johannes von Staupitz (ca. 1469–1524), vicar-general of the Augustinian Order in Germany and friend of Martin Luther, was born in Saxony. He studied at the universities in Leipzig and Cologne and served on the faculty at Cologne. In 1503, he was called by Frederick the Wise to serve as dean of the theological faculty at the newly founded University of Wittenberg. There Staupitz encouraged Luther to attain a doctorate in theology and appointed Luther as his successor to professor of Bible at the university. During Luther's early struggles to understand God's grace, it was Staupitz who counseled Luther to focus on Christ and not on himself.*

9 November

Martin Chemnitz (birth), Pastor and Confessor

Aside from Martin Luther, Martin Chemnitz (1522–86) is regarded as the most important theologian in the history of the Lutheran Church. Chemnitz combined a penetrating intellect and an almost encyclopedic knowledge of Scripture and the Church Fathers with a genuine love for the Church. When various doctrinal disagreements broke out after Luther's death in 1546, Chemnitz determined to give himself fully to the restoration of unity in the Lutheran Church. He became the leading spirit and principal author of the 1577 Formula of Concord, which settled the doctrinal disputes on the basis of Scripture and largely succeeded in restoring unity among Lutherans, Chemnitz also authored the four volume *Examination of the Council of Trent* (1565–73), in which he rigorously subjected the teachings of this Roman Catholic Council to the judgment of Scripture and the ancient Church Fathers. The *Examination* became the definitive Lutheran answer to the Council of Trent, as well as a thorough exposition of the faith of the Augsburg Confession. A theologian and a churchman, Chemnitz was truly a gift of God to the Church.*

* From *Treasury of Daily Prayer*

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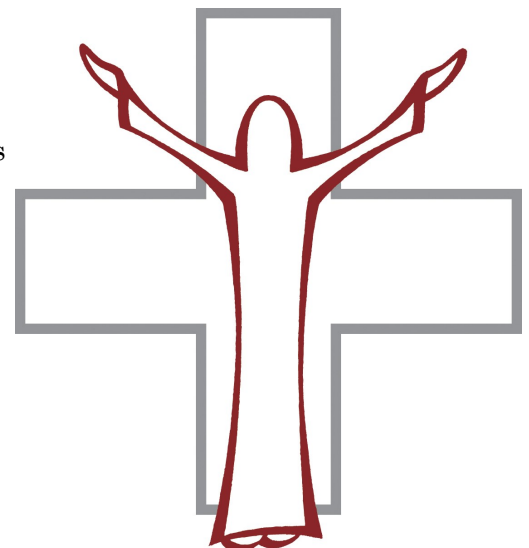
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All Saints' Day:

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

On All Saints' Day, we remember fondly those who have gone before us in the faith. Moreover, we rejoice at God's faithfulness to His people even unto death. While we remember all loved-ones, family and dear friends, on this day, it is most appropriate to commemorate those members of Immanuel who now rest from their labors having been called home to their Lord this past year.

- † Les Elbrecht
- † Donna Pelzer
- † Jill Mueller
- † Doris Williams
- † June Ashman
- † Beth Hicks



Stewardship Newsletter:

The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

✠ LCMS Stewardship Ministry;
November Newsletter

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

Stewardship Thoughts:

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven...”

When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God “with all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day, everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

Prepare for Worship Next Week:

10 November

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 755 In the Very Midst of Life

Readings:

Isaiah 51:9–16

Colossians 1:9–14

Matthew 9:18–26



Daily Lectionary Readings:

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

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
11/3	Jeremiah 3:6—4:2	Matthew 22:1–22
11/4	Jeremiah 5:1–19	Matthew 22:23–46
11/5	Jeremiah 7:1–29	Matthew 23:1–12
11/6	Jeremiah 8:18—9:12	Matthew 23:13–39
11/7	Jeremiah 11:1–23 <i>Jeremiah 12:1—19:15</i>	Matthew 24:1–28
11/8	Jeremiah 20:1–18	Matthew 24:29–51
11/9	Jeremiah 22:1–23	Matthew 25:1–13

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is “All Saints’ Day”?

All Saints’ Day is the day during the Church Year that we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

Why do we celebrate All Saints’ Day?

The word “saint” comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means “holy” or “sacred.” Saints are God’s holy people. We thank God for the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God’s great mercy in their lives!

Do you have to die to be a saint?

No way! All of God’s faithful people are His saints! We were washed clean of our sins at our Baptism and made holy before God. That’s what it means when we hear God’s Word say: “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14). Isn’t it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection? He gives all of this to us through Baptism. He is the one who makes us a saint!



Parents: Talk to your children about those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God’s promises at our Baptism.



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Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

Organist: Landon Hicks

Elder: Jeff Streuter

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

Altar Guild: Patti Proctor

Acolyte: Eli Pittman

Greeters: Kevin & Rhonda Ice & Alberta Reiman

Sunday, November 10th, 2024

Organist: Corey Williams

Elder: Mike Clough

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

Altar Guild: Patti Proctor

Acolyte: Abigail Beckman

Greeters: Chuck & Susan Closson

Offering Income from last week:

October 27th, 2024:

Regular Offerings \$ 5,260.00

Loose Plate \$ 1,850.00

Total Offerings \$ 7,110.00

Restricted Funds:

Disaster Relief \$ 185.00

Attendance:

October 27th, 2024: 86



Anniversaries:

† 11-8 Andrew & Kari Winters

Birthdays:

- † 11-5 Rose Spradling
- † 11-6 Luella McComb
- † 11-6 Henry Phillips IV
- † 11-9 Jodi Boese
- † 11-9 Andrew Novara

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- † 11-3 Scott Draves
- † 11-6 Charles Williams
- † 11-6 Lindsey Closson
- † 11-6 Parker Closson
- † 11-6 Laura Holmes
- † 11-8 Adalynn Cason
- † 11-9 Ina Rothe
- † 11-9 Elizabeth VanOver

Expectant Mothers:

† Bethany Campbell

Immanuel Families:

- † Debbie Dunn
- † Terry & Janet Estel
- † Lynnea, Tyerrance, & Tyree Estel



Comfort, health, recovery:

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

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| † David Arbeiter | † Wilma Nelson |
| † Norman Beckman | † Don Porter |
| † Leah Carter | † Jeff Presutti |
| † Ben Dallas | † Amanda Reinhardt |
| † Valerie Draves | † Sarah Reitzel |
| † Tina Doaen | † Becky Streuter |
| † Paul Estel | † Alice Svanda |
| † Terry Estel | † Brenda Todd |
| † Annette Etherton | † Evie Todd |
| † Jane Gilbert | † Richard Weber |
| † Cindy Gregory | † Sue Williams |
| † David Gregory | † Beth Zobel |
| † Marilyn Imhoff | † Carol Zobel |
| † Virginia Lewis | † The family of Frank |
| † Ron Manwaring | Boucher (brother of Ber- |
| † Rev. Ted Mayes | nadine Ihle) as they |
| † Brenda Miesner | mourn his death |
| † Nelda Miesner | |

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



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| 11-1 Carly Dooley | 11-15 Eli Fager |
| 11-2 Bryan Hollmann | 11-15 Bryar Mueller |
| 11-2 Tyerrance Estel | 11-17 Alice Svanda |
| 11-2 Xiomara Flores | 11-18 Staci Rowe |
| 11-5 Rose Spradling | 11-18 Devin Eovaldi |
| 11-6 Luella McComb | 11-20 Nathan Weber |
| 11-6 Henry Phillips IV | 11-21 Carl J. Karg |
| 11-9 Jodi Boese | 11-21 Bryce Mueller |
| 11-9 Andrew Novara | 11-22 Jean Clough |
| 11-10 Ruby Pulcher | 11-22 Ray Miesner |
| 11-12 Shakur Karg | 11-23 Caylee Jarrett |
| 11-12 Jackson Lattan | 11-23 Michelle Cramer |
| 11-14 Kimberly McRoberts | 11-24 Jacob Baird |
| 11-14 John D. Voss | 11-24 Emma Hicks |
| 11-15 Norman Beckman | 11-28 Gabriel Davidson |

Altar Guild

Patti Proctor

Ushers

Rick Fager
 Jeff Streuter
 Chuck Closson
 Kevin Boester
 Mike Boese

Organists

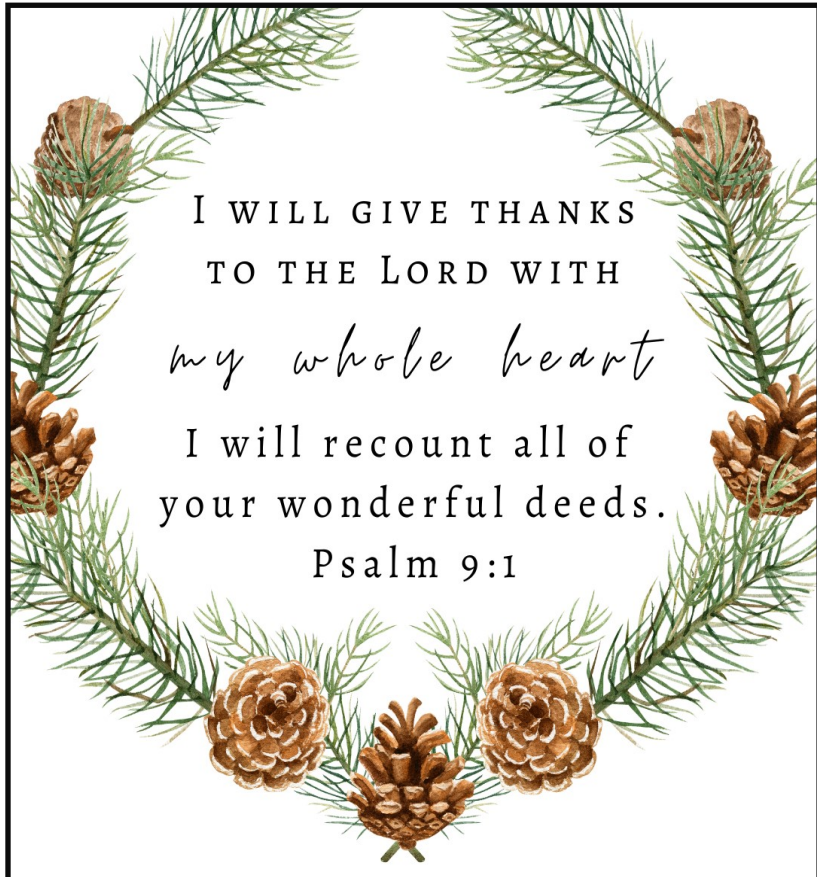
11-3 Landon Hicks
 11-10 Corey Williams
 11-17 Landon Hicks
 11-24 Corey Williams
 11-27 Corey Williams

Elders

11-3 Jeff Streuter
 11-10 Mike Clough
 11-17 Bryan Hollmann
 11-24 Charlie Homan
 11-27 Bryce Muller

Acolytes

11-3 Eli Pittman
 11-10 Abigail Beckman
 11-17 Parker Closson
 11-24 Gage Pittman



I WILL GIVE THANKS
 TO THE LORD WITH
my whole heart
 I will recount all of
 your wonderful deeds.
 Psalm 9:1



- 11-8 Andrew & Kari Winters
 11-18 Brett & Emily Newton
 11-19 Larry & Cheryl Reinhardt
 11-25 Jeff & Becky Streuter



NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2
3 Daylight Savings Ends All Saints' Day 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	4 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	5 No School - Election Day 6:30 pm School Board Mtg.	6 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	7	8 Pastor's Day Off	9
10 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30 am-12:00 pm Chicken and Dumpling Dinner	11 No School/Office Closed - Veterans Day 6 pm PTL mtg 6:30 pm Board of Directors mtg.	12 5:00 pm LWML mtg.	13 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
17 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	18 6:30 pm Voters Meeting	19	20 8:30 am Chapel 10:30 am Bible Study	21	22 School Noon Dismissal Pastor's Day Off	23
24 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Bible Study/ Sunday School	25	26 8:30 am Chapel 2 pm Annual School Thanksgiving program	27 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service Thanksgiving Break No School	28 Thanksgiving Day! No School/Office Closed	29 Thanksgiving Break No School/Office Closed	30