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All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 1, 2026

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WELCOME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to our Visitors!

The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall between services. If you have questions or are interested in hearing about membership, please see the pastor or contact the Office: Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Phone: 830-253-8121 Website: lvilc.org
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Holy Communion

We come to the table this morning at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let an usher know, and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Nursery

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. It is located at the back of the Annex.

Prayer Request Card – If you have a Prayer Request, an usher will pick it up **during the first hymn** for the Pastor to include later in the service. Prayer requests will be on the list for three weeks unless otherwise instructed. Please update your request if there are any changes.

Offerings and attendance: October 25, 2026

Current Offerings Given: $3,777.00
Current Offerings Needed: $5,616.16 (Short $1,839.16)
Total Offerings Given (includes Dedicated Giving): $4,227.00
We had 214 members and 15 visitors attending.

Attendance Books – Members and visitors, please fill out the black attendance book in the pew and pass it down.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Darryl & Rebe Penshorn and in memory of all Saints who have gone before us.

Great is His Faithfulness!

The Word of God



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who

knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

> **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

> **I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

> **This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

> **O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Here end the Readings. Please rise for the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

NOTES:

The Season of Pentecost

The general tone for worship in the season of Pentecost, particularly during the summer months, is that of growth and flourishing. This season of the liturgical year is a time for focusing on growing in discipleship, deepening our relationship with God, and faithful obedience in following Jesus Christ. The long season of green Sundays is often referred to as "Ordinary Time." The word "ordinary" connotes the designation of Sundays by ordinal numbers rather than special names.

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For our new members and visitors

LBW	*The Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green hymnal, used for liturgy and hymns)
WOV	*With One Voice* (the blue hymnal, used for hymns

Prayers Requested: Our prayers are requested for the following people (These will be on the list for 3 weeks unless indicated on the card for longer. Please update the office when changes occur or they need to be taken off the list.):

Marc Gray
Cindy Richter (Randall)
Larry Bailey
Shirley Franklin - cancer

A.J. Peterson - continues cancer treatment - by Jeanie Walpole
Ivy Baumann - Dravet Syndrome - by Patrice Goodman
Miranda Paige Metcalf - ROHHAD Syndrome - by Patrice Goodman
Wendy Marsh - Greg Marsh
Claudia J. Pianfetti – diminishing health – by David Pianfetti (his mother)
Pam Franklin - health issues - by Tony Franklin
The Gibson Family - by Terrie Gibson
Ronnie Moore - heart issues - Tim Ferguson
Jeffrey Adams - by Heather & family
Gary Beran - pacemaker - by Bill Roser
Harper - great-granddaughter of Ken & Bobbie Mills
Tiffany Trayler & Family
Eric Anderson - chemotherapy for bladder cancer - by Sarah Fox
Louise Farris - turned 109 yrs. On 10.18.26 - by Shirley Haseloff
Sandra Mattke - healing from a fall
Carmelo Trujillo - cancer - by Darlene Reeves
Norma Lawrence (Paige's Mother) - health issues - by David Haass
Dan Fox (Aaron's father) - dementia/proper diagnosis - by Sarah Fox
Bennie Campbell (Karen's Husband)
Bill Loren (Karen's Brother) - surgery recovery - by Karen Campbell
Linde Meyer - recovering from knee surgery
Billy Bain - stroke - by Wanda Mabry
Mike Bain - medical issues - by Wanda Mabry
Caleb Larkin - by Heather Larkin
Lori Forshage - back surgery - by Maren Rodriguez
Jacob Fowler - safe travels - by Dani Fowler
John White - throat cancer - by the Melocarros
Georgie Croom - test results
Dr. Lauren Kent
David Cox
Mike Haberer - cancer - by Harold Schott
Norbert Jacobs - surgery - by Harold Schott
Melvin Schulze - brain cancer - by Billy Bunton
Allison Altamira - cancer - by Dianell Recker

Holy God, *you lead us through dark valleys shadowed by suffering. Be the strong guide and sure comfort of all who call upon you.*

<u>Please remember</u> in your daily prayers the following military personnel and their families: Taylor, Stephen, Eric, Kayla, Joshua,

Kevin, Nathan, Farrah, Larkin, Ashley, Michael, Derek, Diego, Shawn, Conner, Ty.

***Lord Jesus**, you are our merciful God. We remember and pray for all those who stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Keep your watchful eye on them and guide, protect, and strengthen them all. Prosper their works that make for peace, safety, and justice.*

Week 49 of the Liturgical Year
November 1, 2026 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Micah 1:1–9, 1 Corinthians 10:1–13, Matthew 16:13–20
Psalms 108 & 150 (AM), Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

November 2, 2026
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Micah 2:1–13, Revelation 7:1–8, Luke 9:51–62
Psalms 62 & 145 (AM), Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)

November 3, 2026
Micah 3:1–8, Revelation 7:9–17, Luke 10:1–16
Psalms 12 & 146 (AM), Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)

November 4, 2026
Micah 3:9–4:5, Revelation 8:1–13, Luke 10:17–24
Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM), Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)

November 5, 2026
Elizabeth and Zechariah, Parents of St. John the Baptist
Micah 5:1–4, 10–15, Revelation 9:1–12, Luke 10:25–37
Psalms 116 & 147:13–21 (AM), Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)

November 6, 2026
Micah 6:1–8, Revelation 9:13–21, Luke 10:38–42
Psalms 84 & 148 (AM), Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)

November 7, 2026
Micah 7:1–7, Revelation 10:1–11, Luke 11:1–13
Psalms 63 & 149 (AM), Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Wednesday 11/4	6:00 pm Youth Night; Confirmation Adult Bible Study
Thursday 11/5	7:00 pm Adult Bible Study
Saturday 11/7	2:00 pm Workshop on Doctrine
Sunday 11/8	8:00 am Early Service Worship w/HC 9:15 am Youth Sunday School/Adult Bible Study & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Late Service Worship w/HC

Current Announcements:

2027 Time & Talent Sheets

The 2027 Time & Talent Sheets are now available. Copies are in the wooden stands in the Sanctuary, Annex, Parish Hall and Church Office. Please complete a new form each year; we will discard last year's info.

LVMA Food Pantry

We have received an abundance of donations for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Pantry needs. While we no longer need donations for the stuffing and gravy packets, if you still want to contribute, here are a few ways you do so:

HEB Gift Cards - Any amount will help get the Food Pantry the resources it needs to continue to assist needy families for the upcoming holidays.

Food donations that are always welcome - Canned tomato products, soups, flour, cereal, mac and cheese, hamburger helper, instant oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned meats, egg noodles, anything with a good shelf life and dry.

Soaps, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, etc.

Any and all donations will go directly to our needy families directly in the LV area.

You can drop off all donations at the church office during operating hours. If you cannot get it to the church, feel free to reach out and I will pick them up.

Thank you! Call/Text me at any time with questions or concerns.

Kris Tripp - (830) 480-6631

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########## **Christmas Market** ##########

Believe in His Great Faithfulness

Saturday, December 5th will be here before you know it! Only outdoor spaces are available; no food vendors. Hurry-sign up befor Friday, 10/9/26 to receive your discount. If you or someone you know needs an application, please go to ilcchristmasmarket@gmail.com or call Karen at 210-413-7665. Bakers, canners, crafters, mark your calendar as well and start thinking about what you will contribute to the Country Market this year. Last year, we had an awesome assortment of homemade jams, jellies, pickled items, breads and rolls, cookies, pies, cobblers, and crafts, which were very popular. Let's duplicate our efforts again (or make it even better) this year as we continue with our celebration of Immanuel Lutheran's 125th Anniversary!

The Sign-Up Sheet for Kitchen Help is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Thanks in advance!

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Women of Faith Quarterly Service Project
Stomping Ground Ventures

A 501(c) adult day service that provides social and life skills to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Wilson County

is in need of: Home interior paint & supplies; New pots, pans, cooking utensils; Greenhouse supplies; Crop cover seeds; New Texas flag; Sponsor for printing marketing documents; Gemstone beads and beading supplies; Dumpster rental; and of course, monetary or gift card contributions are always welcome and greatly appreciated! You can drop off gift cards at the office or place them in the offering plate, designated for Stomping Ground.

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Join us as we prepare our Sanctuary and Parish Hall to celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will gather at 3 pm on Saturday, Nov. 28th, to begin decorating. Please bring soup or sandwiches to share when we are done. Contact the office with any questions. Blessings!

women of faith

Save the Date!
2027 Women's NALC TX-OK Regional Gathering
St. John Lutheran Church, Prairie Hill, Brenham, TX
April 10, 2027

Wreaths Across America Story

Morrill Worcester of Harrington, Maine, was a 12-year-old paperboy when he won a trip to Washington, D.C. He will never forget his first trip to
our nation's capital, and Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression on him. This experience followed him throughout his life and successful career as a wreath maker, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Mr. Worcester had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans and arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

In 2007, the Worcester family formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501c (3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The yearlong mission of the organization is simple: REMEMBER the fallen. HONOR those who serve. TEACH the next generation the value of freedom. National Wreaths Across America Day will be held this year on Saturday, December 19th. Please save the date.

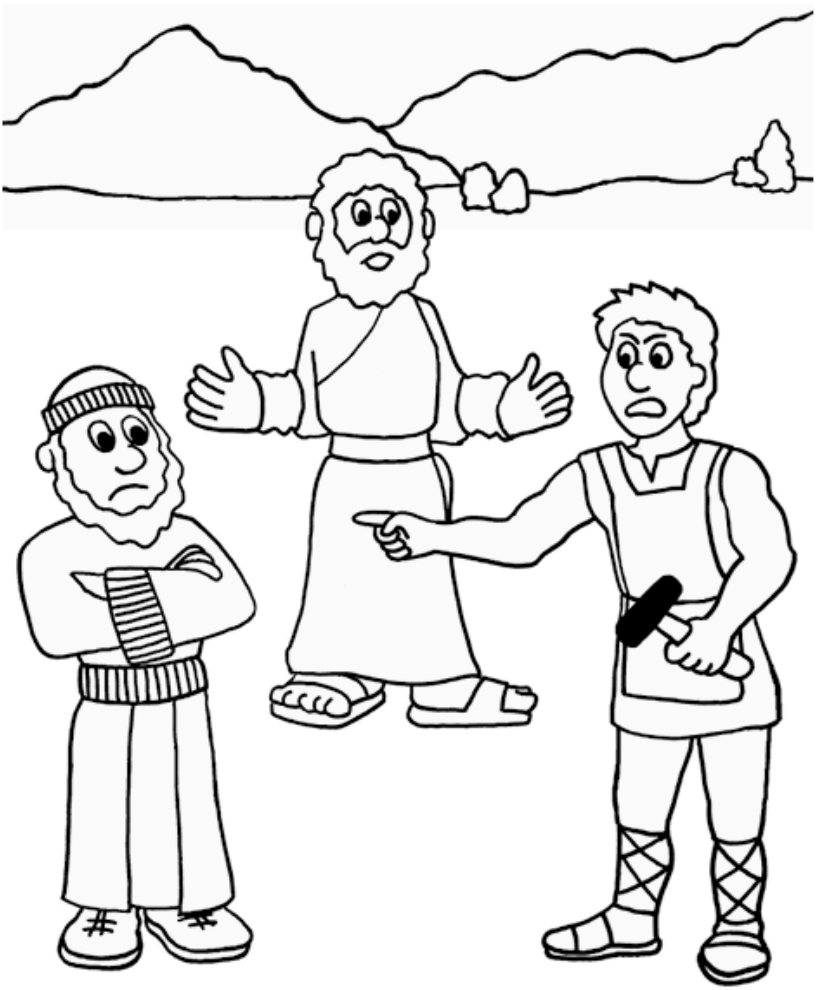
There are 40 veterans buried in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. It is our goal to cover every hero's grave in our ceremony. If you would like to sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one who served in our armed forces; or sponsor and allow us to designate a recipient among the heroes who rest in our cemetery, please contact Chrystal Coble or Wanda Polasek. Sponsorship for each wreath is $17.00.

In addition, you may purchase wreaths for veterans who are buried in other locations. You will be responsible for picking these wreaths up and delivering them to the gravesite. Sponsorships can be paid for by designating "Wreath" under Other on your offering envelope. They can be paid with checks, cash, or bill pay through your personal bank. For

bill pay, contact your banking institution or refer to your online app. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Today's Gospel Lesson

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026



"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God."

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

All Saints Sunday – November 1, 2026

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Matthew 5:3 -

A saint is someone who is set apart by God and for God. A saint, therefore, has a holy calling, a holy purpose, and a holy end. Yet, when we look at the lives of everyday saints, they are often mundane. There is truly something incommensurate between their status (poor in spirit) and their inheritance (the kingdom of heaven). Obviously. it is God's grace that bridges this gap.

Saints are ordinary people. Even those whom God has used for extraordinary works are ordinary people. Indeed, it is their ordinariness that underscores the work of God in their lives. In the beatitudes, Jesus expresses this ordinariness in nine different ways: 1) the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) the persecuted, and 9) the persecuted, reviled and slandered.

Nevertheless, these ordinary saints are set apart by God for His purpose. To this end, they are chosen by the Father from all eternity, bought by the Son on Calvary, and claimed by the Spirit working through Word and Sacrament. And then they are transformed and equipped for their callings by the same Spirit working, once again, through Word and Sacrament. In saving, equipping, and setting apart the saints; God glorifies Himself by using weak and ordinary people to humble the strong. St. Paul writes: "[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor. 1:26-27)"

Finally, God causes His saints to inherit the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom is now present in the world (already) but will come in its fullness in the New Heavens and the New Earth (not yet). In the present kingdom, ordinary saints work in all the spheres of Christian vocation: 1) family, 2) work, 3) civil government, and 4) the church. Because the present form of the kingdom is a reign, not a realm, none of these spheres may be identified with the kingdom. Nevertheless, each sphere may manifest the kingdom as ordinary saints bring the reign of Christ into it. This is our calling as God's saints.