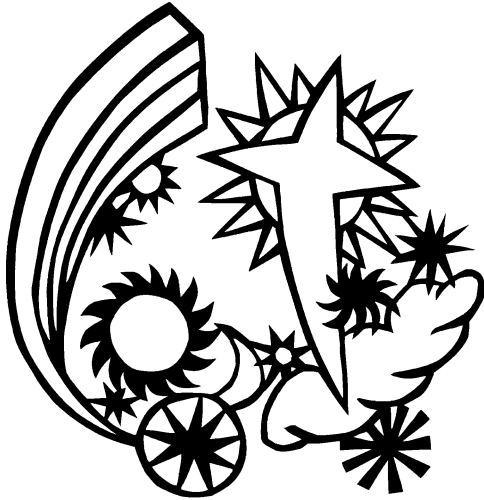


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Immanuel Lutheran Church

a Reconciling in Christ congregation

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*our purpose is to gather people, nurture faith,
grow in God's love, and serve God's world*

Welcome to Immanuel!

We're thankful you're with us this morning! Throughout worship we'll use the red hymnal located on the back of the pew in front of you. Page numbers can be found towards the front of the hymnal at the bottom of the page, with hymns towards the back, beginning with the Psalms. Hearing assist devices are also available – just ask an usher for help.

We believe that the Gospel – the Good News that we are loved, forgiven, and free in Christ – is a gift offered to every person, and that God's grace has no limits or conditions. Through Christ, we are made a community that shares God's mission to proclaim grace and peace to all the world.

Prelude

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2
Osman Bilsel, pianist

J. Brahms

Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

stand

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

sit

Celebration Song*Give Thanks*

Traditional

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)

Children's Chat

Pastor Sarah Barnes

(young worshipers through grade 5 are invited to Children's Word)

*stand***Hymn of Praise***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Hymn 553

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is
strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our
ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing
what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*sit***Word**

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and
all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says
the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But
for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with
healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (read responsively)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

stand

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give

you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Barnes

stand

Hymn of the Day *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* Hymn 327

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

sit

Offertory Anthem

Hymn of Promise

N. Sleeth

stand

Offertory Canticle *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* Hymn 681

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

sit

All people are invited to receive communion today at the front of the sanctuary. First, you'll receive bread, which is the body of Christ given for you. Then move to the next station, where you'll find glass cups full of grape juice (lighter-colored) and wine (purple-colored), which is the blood of Christ shed for you. At the last station, return your empty cup to the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please simply raise your pointer finger when it's your turn to receive.

*During communion, any who desire individual prayer and anointing
for healing and strength may come to the altar rail.*

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Music Selection

Clair de Lune

C. Debussy

Communion Hymns

When Peace like a River

Hymn 785

We Praise You, O God

Hymn 870

Prayer after Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

stand

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

Hymn 723

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be formed by love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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We're thankful for these servants in worship today:

Livestream – Ken Cranson, Jen Greene

Assisting Minister – Fred Borchelt

Ushers – Ian Wood, Ron Rosenlund

Acolyte – James Dellecese

Greeter – Marilyn Vaillancourt

Nursery Care – Sam Bardon, Annie Ferris

Children's Word – Kristin & Frank Carnevale

Coffee Hour – Steering Committee

Altar Guild – Mary Jane & Bill Rasku, Heidi & Bill Lahey

Counting Team – Arlette Peterson, Sheri Parretti

Worship, Service, and Fellowship in the week ahead:

Today	8:00 am	Simple Church (Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Indoor & Livestream worship (in sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour (in gym)
	10:30 am	Capital Campaign Presentation & Celebration
Monday	9:00 am	Lectio Divina (on Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study (Room 6)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	ILNS Board Meeting (Room 6)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
		Confirmation Class (Room 6)

Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study (on Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Book Club (Room 6)
Saturday	9:00 am	John Street Soup Kitchen in Worcester HERALD deadline
Sunday	8:00 am	Simple Church (Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Indoor & Livestream Worship (in sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Coffee Hour (in gym)
	10:30 am	Learning Hour + Adult Confirmation

Daily Bible Readings for the Coming Week:

Monday:	Psalm 123, Job 20:1-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21
Tuesday:	Psalm 123, Job 21:1-34, 2 John 1-13
Wednesday:	Psalm 123, Job 25:1-26:14, John 5:19-29
Thursday:	Psalm 98, 1 Samuel 28:3-19, Romans 1:18-25
Friday:	Psalm 98, 2 Samuel 28:3-19, 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
Saturday:	Psalm 98, Ezekiel 10:1-19, Luke 17:20-37
Sunday:	Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Welcome to Immanuel

Thanks for joining us in worship today! Wherever you are, we're glad to have you with us. Remember you can reach out to the church office anytime if you need help, prayer, or someone to talk to.

Children's Word – After the children's chat, our young friends are invited to go with our volunteers to the gym to worship in their own way. Kids will return in time for communion.

Altar flowers – The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Landquist Family "in loving memory of our father, William Landquist."

Let's Celebrate – During the month of November, we will be celebrating our new Steinway piano from the First Congregational Church in West Boylston! Thanks to Bruce Kiefer, Osman Bilisel, and Sonya Imperio for sharing their musical gifts during these final weeks of this liturgical year.

Capital Campaign Update – After worship today, all ages will gather in the gym for an update on the Capital Campaign. With our largest projects now complete, we'll celebrate your generosity and the improvements we've been able to make to our building and look ahead!

Nursery Care – Nursery care is now available during our 9:00am worship services (8:30-10:30am). Simply go down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary. The toddler room is on the left, where you can sign in.

Healing Prayer – During today's service, there is an opportunity to receive healing prayer during the time of communion. Thank you Elaine MacNutt, Linda Josephson, and Karen White for offering prayer this morning.

Godly Play + Faith Quest – Learning Hour will return next week! Enjoy the Capital Campaign Celebration this week (there's a craft for kids)!

Adult Confirmation – We will meet Nov. 23! You're invited to join us in Room 6 after worship. For materials, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3hmjv4jc>.

Mission Endowment Fund Suggestions – In 2026, Immanuel's Mission Endowment Fund will give away \$13,350! We invite you to suggest ministries, organizations, and non-profits we might support, and to place those suggestions in the box set up in the sanctuary by November 24.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – On Wed., November 26, at 7:00pm, we'll gather in worship to give thanks and praise to God. Four members of the congregation will share stories of gratitude during the service! We will collect non-perishable food items as our offering that evening.

Estimate of Giving Cards – Thank you to everyone who has returned their 'Estimate of Giving' card. So far, we've received 108 cards and are hoping to receive about 20 more. If you haven't done so already, please fill out a card and return it to the office to help us budget for the year ahead. You can also submit online here: <https://tinyurl.com/37cd25du>.

Lectio Divina – Join us on Monday mornings from 9:00–9:30am on Zoom. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture as a form of prayer. (Meeting ID: 814 8663 8380, Passcode: scripture)

Monday Night Bible Study – You're invited to join our Monday Night Bible study (with pizza) on the first and third Monday each month. We're discussing the Gospel of John, eating good food, and learning together. Our next gathering will be tomorrow, Nov. 17 at 6:30pm in Room 6.

Confirmation – We'll gather on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00pm in room 6 for our next conversation!

Thursday Morning Bible Study – Join us every Thursday at 10:30am on Zoom! We're discussing the book of Daniel together and would love to have you with us! The link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825798597>.

Book Club – In November, we're reading and discussing *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Join us on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6:00pm in Room 6.

John Street Soup Kitchen – We're providing 150 meals to the John Street Soup Kitchen on Nov. 22. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3pruk5te> to donate an item and <https://tinyurl.com/9sd6pmj4> to sign up to package meals.

Homeless kits – You can grab a homeless kit – and small bags of period products – to hand out in Lawson Hall!

Communion Kits – Personal kits are available in the locker outside Lawson Hall. Each kit contains a pre-packaged wafer and grape juice.

Stephen Ministry – Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one, confidential care to those experiencing a difficult time. Please let one of the pastors know if you'd like to connect with one.

In Your Prayers this Week

This week, please lift up to God those who have requested our prayers:

Adrienne Altobelli, David Alward, Bruce & Janet Axelson, Isaac Barron, Mary Beams, Jane Bedard, Bob, Heidi Besse, Grace Bialecki, Lucy & Tom Brennan, Ken Cameron, Kaylee Caramanica, Colleen Davison, Alvina Debois, Lauren Demerjian, Kevin Duguay, Jaeger Dziama, Jim Eisenlord, Gabriella Falk, Alan Farmer, Tim Fournier, Leah Frances-Woods, Ann Marie Grambo, Dave, Dolores Hadady, Erika, Rich Hopkins, Robin Johns, Dick Johnson, Carol Jorgensen, Mackenzie Keogh, Carole Laino, Jean Lane, Ayuen Leet, Jim Legere, Lizzie, Meghan MacDonald, Joe Martire, James Mellor, Joanne Neal, Karen Papachristou, Francis Parretti, Don Phaneuf, Shirley, Kay Porter, Jeff, Wylla Rabeler, Rich Reynolds, Ray Rossetti, Shirley Rotti, Donald Shefer, Anita Slater, Wendy, Shirley Smith, Ray Smola, Tim, Will, Elaine Vetter, Donna Vilian, Liz Wilson, Jim Zelesky, Nancy Zelesky, and Jill Zitzewitz.

What Are We Collecting Right Now?

Grocery Store Gift Cards – We're accepting \$20 gift cards to all local grocery stores, which will be given to the John Street Soup Kitchen and Wachusett Food Pantry. You can put these cards in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office.

Period Products – Unscented pads and tampons of all sizes and brands, handed out at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Worcester.

Greeting Cards – New greeting cards of all kinds, which are given to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

Bras - Bras in good condition of any size, color, or style, which will be given to veterans in need. Questions? Contact Mary Donev, (661) 599-2870 or mary@donev.com.

Wachusett Food Pantry – Non-perishable, unexpired food items for the Wachusett Food Pantry (serving all Wachusett Towns). Listed below are several items that are constant necessities.

Food:

- Canned protein sources (chicken, baked beans)
- 100% Juice (concentrate preferred)
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Mac 'n cheese
- Coffee & Tea

Holiday (Thanksgiving and December):

- Gravy
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Cranberry sauce

Heart Rocks – A reminder that we are formed by God's love!

All items can be given at our donation center in Lawson Hall!

Items for Homeless Kits

(Collecting during the month of November)



crackers with
peanut butter or cheese



ChapStick



granola or
cereal bars



small packages
of Kleenex



bottled water



socks