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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

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HYMN No. 908 - Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

**1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.**

**2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

**△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT – Psalm 119:73–75, 77

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: according to your promise to your servant.

P: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

C: give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

C: because I have hoped in your word.

P: I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,

C: and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

C: for your law is my delight.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: according to your promise to your servant.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

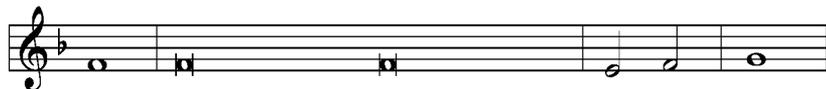


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



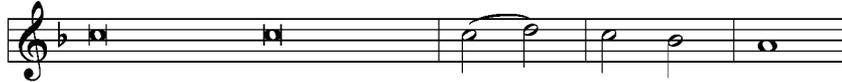
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☩ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

☩ A - men.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 6:1–7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass
away.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

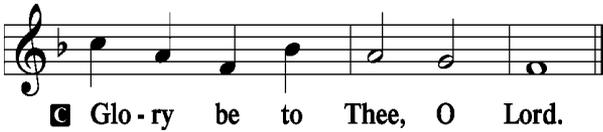
C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



Holy Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN No. 801 - How Great Thou Art

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**
refrain **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

- 2** When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 3** But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;
refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 4** When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”
refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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SERMON

Text: Luke 16:19-31

Theme: We Would Like To Have A Miracle Too

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(there is a time for silent prayer)

After each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy

C: hear our prayer

At the conclusion of the prayer:

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You
and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

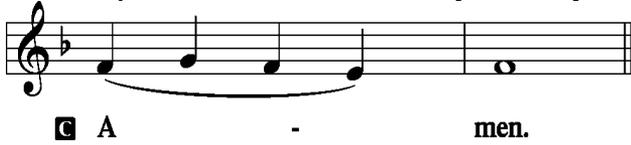
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

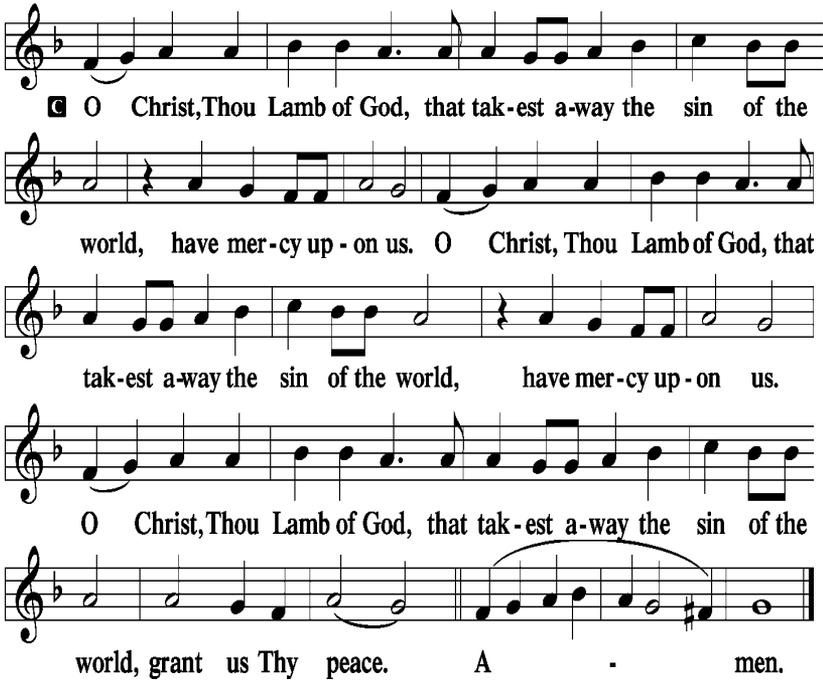
PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



♩ A - men.

AGNUS DEI



♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN No. 682 - God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**

- 2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.**

- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.**

- 4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.**

- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.**

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HYMN – Father of Body, Mind, and Spirit

- 1 Father of body, mind and spirit
When troubles thunder through my life,
Speak your clear Word that I may hear it;
Muffle the din, destroy all strife.
Make ev'ry anxious worry flee;
Bring now your promised peace to me.**

- 2 **Savoir, my Shepherd, strong and caring
Nothing can pluck me from your hand.
Spare me from hopelessly despairing;
Raise up my faith, help me to stand.
Through you shed blood on Calvary.
Bring now Your promised peace to me.**

- 3 **Comforter Spirit, Intercessor
Praying for me with groaning sighs.
Molding me as a bold confessor;
Holding the cross before my eyes.
Calm my emotions, hear my plea;
Bring now Your promised peace to me.**

- 4 **O Father, Son and Holy Spirit
You hold my future days in view.
By grace, through faith I will inherit
Perfect, untroubled life with You.
Trusting in this blest certainty.
Bring then Your promised peace to me.**

HYMN No. 549 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- 1 **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 2 **Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 3** Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4** Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5** Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6** Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7** Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

HYMN No. 905 - Come, Thou Almighty King

**1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

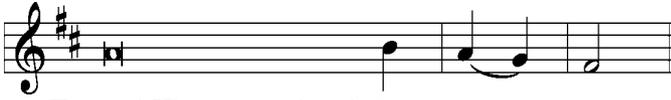
**2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

**△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME - We welcome all worshippers to our services at Immanuel this week. As God comes to us in Word and in Sacrament may we experience His love and His power in the singing of praise and the living of our lives to His glory.

VISITORS - Welcome all visitors this week. Be sure to pick up a visitor packet from an usher or from our Information Rack in the east entrance.

RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP PADS - ALL members and visitors are asked to record their attendance at church and communion. Please return the record to the center aisle.

SERVICE ENLARGEMENTS, LARGE PRINT HYMNS & ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES - are now available for the service each week. It will include the service, hymns, and the insert of readings. They will be available at both entrances next to the bulletins. Please return them after the service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TOTES - are available at both entrances for children age kindergarten and younger. Please return them after the service.

NURSERY - Exit the southeast door, the nursery is the third door at the bottom of the stairs. The first door is the lounge where you may listen to the service on the speaker.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 8:30AM in the west Sunday school room. They are looking deeper into the Lessons of the Day for that Sunday Service. During the Sunday School hour an adult Bible study class is also held. They will be using the bible study, *"Compassion in Action: Exploring Biblical Examples of Mental Health Care"*. All are invited to attend Sunday School or Bible Study.

CHURCH OFFICE - If you need to meet, speak, or make an appointment with the Church Secretary the office is open on

Tuesday and Wednesday. If you need to meet or speak to Pastor Kuhlman you can always reach him on his cell and at his home. **Please note that the church will be locked at all times unless two people are present.**

AVILLA FOOD PANTRY - Please do not forget the needy people in our community. You may place your food donations in the box in the east entrance.

BULLETIN BOARD - Cross Connection; Worship for Shut-Ins

FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Alyssa Grawcock.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK: Midweek Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying the Bible readings for the following Sunday morning.

PRAYER LIST- Prayer for the sick & recovering: Ed Becker, Billie Gienger, Jerry Krock, Dan Phares, Carole Bishop, Cheryl Chester, young relative of a church member who is suffering mentally and parents who need wisdom and comfort.

NEWSLETTERS: October newsletters are in your mailboxes. November newsletter deadline is October 11th.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: Our 3rd quarter Congregational Assembly will be Sunday, October 9th following morning worship. This will be our annual budget meeting.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER AT ST. JAMES RESTAURANT: Remember to mark your calendars for the St. James Restaurant's Annual Fundraising Dinner, Sunday, November 6th at the St. James Restaurant. Again, this year it will be carryout only from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Local churches and St. James Restaurants donate and serve a fantastic, full thanksgiving meal, all for a minimum donation of \$8.00 per plate. This is by far the biggest, single fundraiser for the

Avilla Christmas Charities and an awesome time for the communities to come together in fellowship. **Immanuel is asked to donate 23 pies and the sign up sheet is in the east entrance!** Please deliver your pie or pies to the St. James Restaurant on Saturday, November 5th anytime and let them know they are for the Turkey Dinner. Thank you!!

DONATION DAY - Donation Day at Concordia Theological Seminary is Tuesday, October 11th. If you would like to donate gently used clothing or food items, please bring those items to Immanuel and they will be delivered. If you would like to attend, you may do so on the eleventh at 8:30 am in the Student Commons at the Seminary.

LWML SUNDAY – will be celebrated Sunday, October 2nd. We will be collecting mites at the offering areas of the church. The mites are used to help fund mission projects. Please bring your loose change and place it in the provided 5-gallon buckets. Let's make some noise!

LWML RALLY - The LWML Fall Zone Rally will be held October 8th.

PASTOR'S FALL CONFERENCE – Pastor's fall conference will be Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023 - We are going to be electing officers and board members in November. You will find a copy of the 2022 Board members and Officers in the September Newsletter. In reading the list you will see a number like this 1-2 next to each name (1-2 means first term, second year). We are getting an early start in finding congregational members that are interested in serving our Lord and Immanuel. If you are interested in any of the available positions (these will end with a 2 as the second number) contact a church council member. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteer, serve and help grow with our Lord's guidance!

PORTALS OF PRAYER: Portals of Prayer devotional books for October-December are available at the back of the church and at the side entrance.

IMMANUEL STOVE DONATIONS - Immanuel is currently taking donations for a replacement for the stoves in the Fellowship Hall. The thermostats need to be replaced and valves need to be replaced as well. The cost for the new thermostats is \$1000. Replacement for the valves are no longer available. Should you wish to contribute to the replacement of the stoves, make a contribution to the building fund and mark it as “stove”. Currently \$1410 has been contributed.

LOOK UP - Looking Up is your first step to seeing past your struggles. Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle. But there’s always hope on the horizon. You can start by looking here for resources, information, and providers.

- <https://lookupindiana.org>
- Call 877-257-0208 - Available 24 hours every day
- Text LookUp to 494949 - Available 24 hours every day

INFORMATION RACK- last week’s bulletin; extra October Newsletters; Visitors Packet; October-December Portals of Prayer; Lutheran Witness; Cross Connection; Thrivent Dollars information; Lutherans for Life.

WEEKLY SERVICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS are now on our website. The service can be found under Family Altar. The announcements in the bulletin each week can be seen on our website **under Blog and then correct month.**

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance:

- Sunday Morning: 63 + Jesus

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Day and night, God's protection is always there.

Please see next page for a list of Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Support Groups

- **The Aging & In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana - 260-745-1200**

<https://agingihs.org/programs-resources/family-caregiver-center/family-caregiver-support-groups/>

The Aging & In Home Services of Northeast Indiana offers family caregiver support groups. There is no cost attend any of the Family Caregiver Center Support Groups. Pre-registration is requested by calling 260-745-1200 extension 307. Respite care is available upon request.

- **The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter
Northeast Indiana Office - 260-420-5547**

<https://www.alz.org/indiana>

Caregiver specific resources: <https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving>

**The following congregations offer caregiver support groups through NE Indiana Alzheimer's Association:*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1st Tuesday of each month - 6:00 pm
3245 Crescent Ave.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805
260-483-3173

Trinity English Lutheran Church
2nd Thursday of each month - 10:00-11:00 am in the church library
450 West Washington Blvd.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46802

- **Mental Health Grace Alliance**

<https://mentalhealthgracealliance.org/store/family-grace-group-workbooks>

Mental Health Grace Alliance offers Bible study books that combine relevant Bible studies, neuroscience, and practical tools to help family members who have a loved one experiencing a mental health difficulty to reduce caregiver stress and provide encouragement and hope. *Family Grace* is a 16-week study for adults, which can be done individually or in small groups. Group facilitator training and materials are available online.

