

**“Thank the Lord for His Forgiveness! It is always a Gift!”**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**September 22, 2024 at 8:00 am & 10:15 am**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** *“Give your thanks to God the Father” Tune 877*

Give your thanks to God the Father, for all He’s done!  
Trust His promise to redeem You through His own Son!  
He will bless your heart and spirit Lead you in His grace and merit  
Give Him thanks by sharing goodness in all you do!

Give your thanks to God the Spirit He’s granted faith  
Through the Word He broke the barrier Sin did create.  
He has granted divine blessings So we can live in His graces  
He leads us to share the wonders: “Gifts He has given!”

Give your thanks to the Lord Jesus He’s taken all  
Of our sin and pain upon Him He died for all  
He made us His own dear Body He made us His own forever  
We do His works by His mercy We’ll never fall.

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

**P:** The Father created all things through His Word **C:** *We thank and praise Him for the beauty and wonder of His creation!*

**P:** The Son is the creating Word which brought life into being **C:** *We give our thanks for the life He has given and the life He places before us forever.*

**P:** The Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart of sinners **C:** *We thank Him for making us God’s own children through His Means of Baptism!*

**P:** Our Triune God grants us eyes to see and ears to hear **C:** *We in faith and thanks, praise Him and share His Gospel message.*

**P:** His gift of faith has enlightened our minds and hearts **C:** *We joyfully give Him thanks for the loving kindness and mercy He showers upon all His own.*

**P:** Our God personally formed us so we would be as we are **C:** *We were made to serve Him with the gifts He gave and to cherish how gracious He was.*

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 100*

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, C: *All the earth!*

P: Serve the Lord with gladness! C: *Come into His presence with singing!*

P: Know that the Lord, He is God! C: *It is He who made us and we are His;*

P: We are His people, C: *And the sheep of His pasture.*

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, C: *And His courts with praise!*

P: Give thanks to Him C: *Bless His name!*

P: For the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever, C: *And His faithfulness to all generations.*

**ALL:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect:** *Holy and gracious Father, giver of all things and only hope of all mankind; provide us a heart which is thankful each day. Open our eyes to see the multitude of blessings placed into our lives by Your mercy and abundant love. As Your own, may we bring honor to Your name and be used by You to uplift and enlighten others to the joy they have been given; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

**Hymn:** "Give Thank to God the Mighty Father" Tune 886

Give thanks to God the Mighty Father Give thanks to God the Lord and King  
Give thanks to God the Holy Spirit Give thanks to God of whom we sing.

We thank and praise You Lord of heaven We thank and praise the One who died  
We thank and praise the Holy Spirit The Triune God who gave us life.

His grace does lead us to give blessings To share the goodness He has given  
To offer kindness, love, and mercy Each day He's given us to live.

**O.T. Lesson:** *I Kings 17: 8-16* Then the word of the LORD came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’”

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

**Epistle Lesson:** *II Corinthians 9: 10-15* Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

**Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 21: 1-4* As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you truth,” He said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

**Confession of Faith:** *Apostle’s Creed* (Back of Hymnal)

**Hymn:** *“We Give Thanks For All the Blessings”* Tune 922

We give thanks for all the blessings We have been giv’n  
For the gifts of sharing kindness; freedom from sin.  
Guide us daily with Your Spirit So we may in grace inherit  
Wisdom by Your Word of promise And peace You’ve giv’n!

We are thankful You’re providing Guidance and love  
Leading us to offer goodness That’s from above!  
We share wonders made in heaven Then You bless them so they’re given  
Pieces of Your loving kindness Mercy and love.

When in faith we seek to offer What You have planned!  
You make us Your hands and voices You make us stand.  
You use us to bring Your blessings To all those who would be missing  
All Your grace You’re freely granting Just as You planned!

**Children’s Sermon** *“We Can Share”*      **Sermon**                      **Offering brought to the Altar**

**Prayers:**      The families of Fortune, Jeremy, Michelle, Emily and Reagan; Foust, Glenda; and  
                    Fox, Stephanie, Jesse, Ian, and Joshua.

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *“Now Thank We All our God”* 895

**Closing Collect of Thanks:** *Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life, until with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Benediction**

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**Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor**  
**Matthew Wilson, Organist**

## **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am, Council Meeting 11:15 am  
**TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6:00  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice 6 pm  
**THURSDAY:** Bible Study 9:30 am and 6:00 pm  
**Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30  
**Next SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15am,

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** Sat, Sept 14: 45 LS: 40; Sun, Sept 15: 8 am: 72 LS:45; 10:15 am: 49 LS: 37

**MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Next week we will be praying or the families of: Frazier, Joyce; Furniss, Ed and Jo Anne; and Gibson, Jane.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Will be today, September 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:15 am service. Meet in the Lounge.



**CHOIR PRACTICES** will start on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We are always looking for more members and if you like to sing (the only qualification you need), high school age and up, we would love to have you join us. The choir sings for Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent services and for Christmas Eve. Practices are Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm. Come on September 25<sup>th</sup> to give us a try and see what we will be singing this fall. It is a lot of fun and good fellowship. If you have any questions, please call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076.



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