



**THESE
ARE THE ONES
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OUT
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GREAT
TRIBULATION**

REVELATION 7:14



About the Cover

The cathedral portal on the cover is filled with the imagery of Revelation; Christ is surrounded by the heavenly host: four living creatures (four Gospel accounts), the twelve apostles, angels, and the twenty-four elders (God's Old and New Testament people), with royalty on the columns. It could keep going out from there to include all of the saints who have gone before us in faith and await the resurrection. We saints who are still on this earth receive peace from heaven through Christ the Door (John 10:7), who has opened to us eternal life through His cross and resurrection.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "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.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love: You, who through diverse tongues gathered together the nations in the unity of faith.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 26th Saturday After Pentecost
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 — November 2, 2024 --- 5:30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer // Opening Hymn: *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* 549

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

P: O Lord, open my lips.	C: <i>And my mouth will declare Your praise.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: God the Father, made the Plan	C: <i>He gave to us the Plan of the Gospel.</i>
P: Jesus carried out the Plan.	C: <i>He died on the Cross for our sins</i>
P: The Holy Spirit makes the Plan a part of our lives	C: <i>He opens our hearts</i>
P: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	C: <i>The Holy Trinity that grants life</i>
P: Our God made, carried out, and brought	C: <i>His plan of salvation to us.</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made	C: <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 119: 1-8*

P: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, **C:** *Who walk in the law of the Lord!*
P: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, **C:** *Who seek Him with their whole heart,*
P: Who also do no wrong, **C:** *But walk in His ways!*
P: You have commanded Your precepts, **C:** *To be kept diligently.*
P: Oh that me ways may be steadfast **C:** *In keeping Your statutes!*
P: Then I shall not be put to shame, **C:** *Having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.*
P: I will praise You with an upright heart, **C:** *When I learn Your just and righteous decrees.*
P: I will keep Your statutes; **C:** *Do not utterly forsake me!*

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: Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, cleanse us by the power of Your redeeming blood that in purity and peace we may worship and adore Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”* 707

O.T. Lesson: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 // **Epistle Lesson:** Hebrews 9: 11-14

(Please rise) **Holy Gospel:** Mark 12: 28-37 **Hymn:** *“O Jesus Christ, Most Wonderful”* 554

Children's Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed** (back of hymnal)

Offerings brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of: Huett, Diane, Hurlbut, Dave, Jagers, Anne and Adam.

Lord's Prayer (Back of Hymnal)

Confession of Sins C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and *wine*, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution Hymn:** "*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*" 623

Closing Hymn: "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*" 803

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACHES CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

- TODAY:** Worship with H/C at 5:30 pm
- SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am w/ HC, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
- TUESDAY:** Confirmation 6:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice 6 pm
- THURSDAY:** Bible Class at 9:30 (Revelation) Bible Study at 6:00 (Hebrews 10)
- Next SATURDAY:** Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
- Next SUNDAY:** Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Oct 26: 50 LS: 43; Sun, Oct. 27: 8 am: 58; 10:15 am: 72

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of: James, Taylor and Hallie and Waylon; Johnson, Sarah and Shane, Sadie, Sofie; Jones, Karl and Theresa.

OUR SAVIOR CLOSING SERVICE: The members of Our Saviour, are cordially inviting us to join them on November 10, 2024 at 1 p.m. for their closing service and decommissioning of their sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch will preach and preside over their closing. Please plan on joining them in rejoicing in Christ and bearing the burden of closing another area congregation.

FROM THE ELDERS: Christ our Lord said, "Let the children come to me" Immanuel is blessed to have the number of children we do, and we are even more blessed parents bring them to worship. We have experienced a growing number of incidents recently, though, in which in the chorus of children, at times, makes it difficult for others to concentrate on the service. We want the children in the worship service, but we are also making a plea to parents to make sure their children are not too distracting. Children will not be perfect, and it is up to each parent to determine when additional action needs to be taken, but if a parent believes their child needs to be temporarily removed from the service, there is a "cry room" in the back of the sanctuary, and there is also a closed circuit TV feed in the High School Sunday school room just off the narthex. Please understand, we are not asking parents to keep their children out of worship, but we are asking everyone to make sure others

are able to concentrate on the worship service.

THANK YOU: Steve Vandergriff extends his sincere thanks and appreciation for all the cards, prayers, and support he received from so many after his surgery. You are such a blessing!

From Rev. Mark and Darlene Moog: To our family of faith at Immanuel, Many thanks to you all for the many cards, prayers, kind words, and acts of faith that were shared with us following Kathy's recent sudden death. While few of you knew her, we are thankful to you for graciously bringing th comfort of our Christian Faith to us. Thank you to Pr. Horstmeyer and those members who were able to be with us at her funeral, for sharing our sorrow and in our joy in the promise of the resurrection. May God continue to bless us all as we together seek to serve our Risen Lord. IN Christian love and thanks, Darlene and Mark and the family of Kathy Moog.

From Debbie Wells: Thank you for all of the cards and kind thoughts and prayers for peace and sympathy at the passing of my mother and Mackenzie's grandmother. We truly appreciate all of them.

PASTOR'S 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As most of you know, this year is Pastor Horstmeyer's 40th anniversary at our church. We are planning a celebration in his honor on December 8, with a dinner at 12:30 p.m. and a short program to follow. Additional details and RSVP information with be forthcoming. Thank you, Anniversary Committee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Sunday, November 10 at 11:15 am

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: Sunday, November 17th, following the 10:15 am service to elect 2025 officers and board members and approve 2025 Budget.

OFFICER & BOARD MEMBER LUNCHEON & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: *Sunday, Dec 1 at 11:15 am*