

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:17)

**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School!** In the Divine Service, we enter our Lord’s presence to be served by Him through Word & Sacrament. The service is not something we do for God. The liturgy is God’s work to bless and enliven us: He gives, we receive (Hebrews 8:1-6).

**Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper**, in which we receive Christ’s Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (1 Corinthians 11:22-25). As we celebrate this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Visitors who have not received Communion from Pastor Akers or Pastor Beinke are kindly asked to speak with one of them before approaching the altar for the first time. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

| ORGAN VOLUNTARIES |                         |                       |
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| Prelude:          | Prelude in D Major      | J. K. F. Fischer      |
| Offertory:        | In God, My Faithful God | Albert Beck           |
| Postlude:         | Postlude in G Major     | Georg Frideric Händel |

INTROIT

Suscepimus Deus

Psalm 48:9-10, 1



We have thought of Thy lovingkindness, | O God,\*  
In the midst of Thy | temple.  
According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends | of the earth:\*  
Thy right hand is full of | righteousness.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised\*  
In the city of our God, in the mountain of His | holiness.

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

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**COLLECT**  
Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right: that we, who cannot be without Thee: may be enabled to live according to Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**PROPHECY** *Jeremiah 23:16-29*  
THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD. They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace” ’; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”  
For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. “Is not My word like a fire?” says the LORD, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” says the LORD Almighty.

GRADUAL

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem

Psalm 31:2b, 1a; Psalm 65:1, 4b



Be Thou my | strong rock,\* For a house of defense to | save me.  
In Thee, O LORD, do I | put my trust;\* Let me never | be ashamed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in | Zion:\*  
And unto Thee shall the vow | be performed.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness | of Thy house,\*  
Even of Thy holy temple. Alle- | luia.

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**  
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HYMN OF INVOCATION \*  
“O Lord, Look Down From Heaven...”

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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HYMN OF THE DAY **#745**  
“In God, My Faithful God”

SERMON

OFFERTORY & OFFERING  
Please sign the Record of Fellowship pad. If you’re visiting, please leave your contact information so we can acknowledge your visit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS  
“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” **#627**  
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Great” **#693**

NUNC DIMITTIS—BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **#655**  
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

\* See inside of bulletin

**EPISTLE**
*Romans 8:12-17*

BRETHREN: We are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

**HOLY GOSPEL**
*Matthew 7:15-23*

AT THAT TIME, Jesus said to His disciples: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ”

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**Hymn of Invocation**
*O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold*
 TLH 260



1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold And let Thy pit - y wak - en;  
 2 With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have con-found-ed;  
 3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach-ers rid us  
 4 There-fore saith God,“I must a - rise, The poor My help are need-ing;



How few are we with-in Thy fold, Thy saints by men for-sak - en!  
 Their hearts are not with one con-sent On Thy pure doc-trine ground-ed.  
 Who proud-ly say:“Now, where is he That shall our speech for-bid us?  
 To Me as-cend My peo-ple’s cries, And I have heard their plead-ing.



True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy  
 While they pa - rade with out-ward show, They lead the peo - ple  
 By right or might we shall pre - vail; What we de - ter-mine  
 For them My sav - ing Word shall fight And fear-less - ly and



Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er-tak - en. . . .  
 to and fro, In er-ror's maze as - tound-ed. . . .  
 can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter.” . . .  
 sharp-ly smite, The poor with might de-fend - ing.” . . . A-men.

5 As silver tried by fire is pure From all adulteration,  
 So thro’ God’s Word shall men endure Each trial and temptation.  
 Its light beams brighter thro’ the cross, And, purified from human dross,  
 It shines through every nation.

6 Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay This evil generation;  
 And from the error of its way Keep Thine own congregation.  
 The wicked everywhere abound And would Thy little flock confound;  
 But Thou art our Salvation.

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