

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate.
Thank you!

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost. weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledaina Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

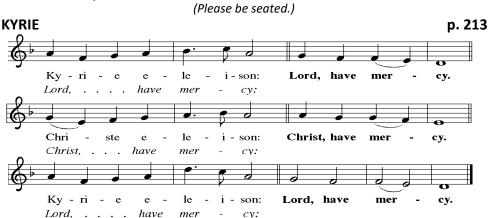
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns GREETING

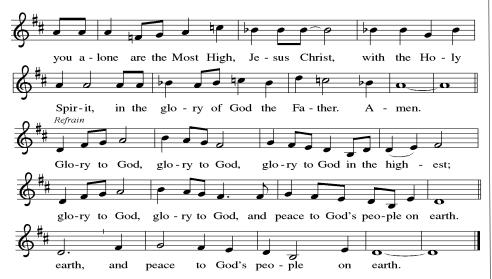
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.







PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

Because Israel's kinas proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherdmessiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected. exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

 6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker. 7a For the LORD is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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(Please stand as you are comfortable.)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are

Jesus compares
himself to a
king who
moves among
his subjects to
see how he is
treated: what
is done for the
least of those
who belong to
his family is
truly done for
him.

members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Walter Scanlon

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

HYMN OF THE DAY APOSTLES' CREED

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#634

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world. witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Please be seated.)



OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG OFFERING PRAYER

For the Fruit of All Creation

#679

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Creator, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1 & 5)

#434

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

YOUR <u>2024 DONATION BOX CAN BE PICKED UP</u>.

THEY ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX. (If you cannot find one and you would like one, please contact the office and they will prepare one for you.) THANK YOU!

ANNOUNCMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 26—December 3, 2023

- *PIKKU JOULU (Little Christmas) In honor of the Finnish Heritage of Immanuel, we will celebrate *Pikku Joulu (Little Christmas)* in the Fellowship Hall after worship next **Sunday, December 3.** Food donations are always welcomed. This is a Finnish tradition to usher in the Christmas Season! Come and enjoy!
- *<u>UPLIFT</u> Our new Sunday Youth Group is called **UPLIFT** and meets on Sundays from 5-7 pm here at Immanuel. If you have guestions, please contact the office, 906-475-9161.
- *FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for November is STAFF. PLEASE STEP UP TO HELP OUT. THANK YOU. —> Pastor Bre Kinnunen, Noreen Collins, Alice Mutkala, Sharon Cottrell, Tyler Taseris, Connie & Walter Scanlon, Connie & Dan Lindblom, Vicki Lempinen. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact the Office @ 906-475-9161 with your date and any item you wish to bring. Right now we have the following who have volunteered for the particular Sundays: Nov. 26: the Lempinen's & Chris Koski. THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING! (DECEMBER'S COMMITTEE WILL BE FAITH FORMATION.)
- *SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets for a discussion on the Bible lessons from that morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group of people has volunteered to lead these discussions. Today the leader is Walter Scanlon. Here is a listing of the up-coming leaders for the Sunday Morning Bible Conversations, held at 11 am every Sunday: Dec. 3-Kitty Raymond; Dec. 10—Ben Raymond; Dec. 17-Hayley Smith; Dec. 24-????; Dec. 31-Andrew Crow-Roberts. This group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.
- *TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES All are welcome to come to our study on TUESDAYS from 7:30-9:00 pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! This week, Tuesday, November 28th, we are digging into this story: Joseph's sold by his brothers: Genesis 37:12-36. If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.
- *PROJECT KEEP KIDS WARM 2023/2024 14th Year Serving Families in our Community. PKKW (Project Keep Kids Warm) Requests from parents have started coming in. Urgently needed are snow pants, boots, and winter jackets. Sizes range from preschool through elementary ages. Also needed are hats and mittens/gloves. If you have questions, please call Linda Sjolund (906-242-5020).
- *LOCK-UP UPDATES The church building will be open Monday Thursday, 8 am to 2 pm, Sundays, 8 am to noon and Mondays, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Until the new keyless, automatic door system is fully functional, outside of these set hours for special meetings/functions etc., please use the front US41 entrance doors OR the east side building doors by the alley. The west side doors on Baldwin Ave will not be open (unless special arrangements have been made) during these times. For special meetings or other church functions scheduled after these hours, meeting leaders and/or committee workers will be assigned an individual access card by contacting Noreen at 475-9161. Some members will be asked to do a little bit extra when using the building. We are in a transition period to make sure our building is open when needed and secure when it is not needed. Please have a little patience in the interim. Thank you! Noreen Collins, Parish Admin. / Bookkeeper.
- *<u>ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION'</u>: The elevator <u>IS NOT USEABLE</u>. Work is being done to replace the elevator with a new lift. Thank you for your patience.
- *COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a *Community Fellowship Dinner* from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. For more information please call 486-4681.
- *"GOT SNEAKERS??" We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner where they can be deposited. Thank you for your donation.

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*STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU A BIG THANK YOU to the following women who served or provided food for the Stewardship Celebration Brunch on November 12th: Sheila Meier, Jennifer Meier, Diane Faust, Karen Saari, Linda Dillman, Chyrl Hemmila, Chris Flis, Sue Cathcart, Noreen Collins, Judy Hallgren. Your contributions were very much appreciated! Also, thanks go out to Paulette Patron, Sunday School Staff & Sunday School Students for the lovely placemats, Bill Zinsser for maintaining the ovens, Tyler Moore for assistance with electronics, Connie Scanlon for the lovely music. Thank you. Sincerely, Maxine Sylvester (for the Stewardship Committee)

*SUNDAY SCHOOL BAPTISM AND PRAYER PROJECT These several weeks, the Sunday School students have been learning about Baptism and Prayer. In Baptism we are adopted into God's family. All of you in the congregation are all their big brothers and big sisters in God's family! Prayer is talking and listening to God. It is good to talk to God about our family. Here are the ways you can help with this Project: (1) Select a dove (or several) with children's names and photos from a bulletin board in the entry way. Please take it home and pray for the child. (2) There are shell cutouts with the bulletins. Please put your name (and names of anyone else for whom you would like the children to pray) one per shell. Put your shells in the offering basket. May we all experience God's renewing power as we pray for each other! Paulette Patron, Sunday School Superintendent

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

<u>Pray For</u>: Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Jessica Luck, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambough, Molly Taseris, Bob Walker.

<u>Our Shut-ins</u>: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, Lynne Tossava.

<u>Members in the Armed Service</u>: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Sunday: Walter Scanlon

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Sunday & Monday - Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm Office Hours are 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am GREETERS - Alice Mutkala 6 pm - Diana Hetrick - Need Volunteer - Jim Hetrick

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9:30 am LECTOR - Martha Hayward 6 pm - Kay Korpi

9:30 am COMM ASST'S - N/A 6 pm - N/A

- N/A - N/A

9:30 am Tech Team - Tyler Moore

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NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MISSION

<u>IN NOVEMBER</u> . . . we focus on <u>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Operations and Maintenance .</u>

Can you imagine what it's like to have 400 darling campers in your home just during the summer? Think of the cleaning, repairs and folks who are involved in the summer and all of the special programs during the year!

Running a camp is not cheap. FLLC works really hard to keep costs down but there are always constant repairs, maintenance and replacements. The utility bill alone is about \$35,000, repairs \$40,000, and the personnel costs to keep it running a huge part of the budget.

The November Monthly Mission is earmarked for operations and maintenance. We all love and enjoy the camp. Let's do our best to keep it looking beautiful and keep it operational!

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use November's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$ 1,230.00 in October to <u>Good Samaritan fund</u>.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!

Thank you!

WEEKDAY PLAYGROUP @ IMMANUEL We have had an inquiry about Immanuel having a weekday playgroup for preschool children. We are in the discussion stage- not ready to begin yet. However in the

Playgroup

preschool children. We are in the <u>discussion stage</u>- <u>not ready to begin yet</u>. However in the meantime, **there is an existing Playgroup that meets at Lakeview School**. We just saw the flyer, so we do not have any details. Please call Lakeview Elementary School (906-475-7803) if you need more information. The info we have is: Negaunee <u>Birth-Age 5 Playgroup</u>, Lakeview Elementary School, <u>Dates</u>: 12/8, 1/26, and 3/15. <u>Time</u>: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Things to note: Parent/guardian required to stay and participate in activities. Also, when Negaunee Public Schools are cancelled, Playgroup is also cancelled.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 26, 2023—December 3, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT... <u>www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org</u>

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Sunday - 9:30 am - Worship Service

- 9:30 am - Sunday School

- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation

(Today's leader is Walter Scanlon)

- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

Monday - 6:00 pm - Worship Service

Tuesday - 10:00 am - Bible Study

- 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting

- 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday - 10:00 am - Quilting

- 2:15 pm - Eastwood Worship Service

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday - 8-10:00 am - Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

- 9-12:00 pm - Confirmation at Messiah in Marquette

Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 am - Worship Service

- 9:30 am - Sunday School

- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship

- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation

(Today's leader Kitty Raymond)

-5:00 pm - Wreath Making - Fellowship Hall - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com.)