

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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The Last Sunday as Immanuel Lutheran Church – Divine Service 4 September 13th in the Year of our Lord 2026

Please leave your offering in the wooden box in the narthex either before or after the service.

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand and face the entrance of the sanctuary

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

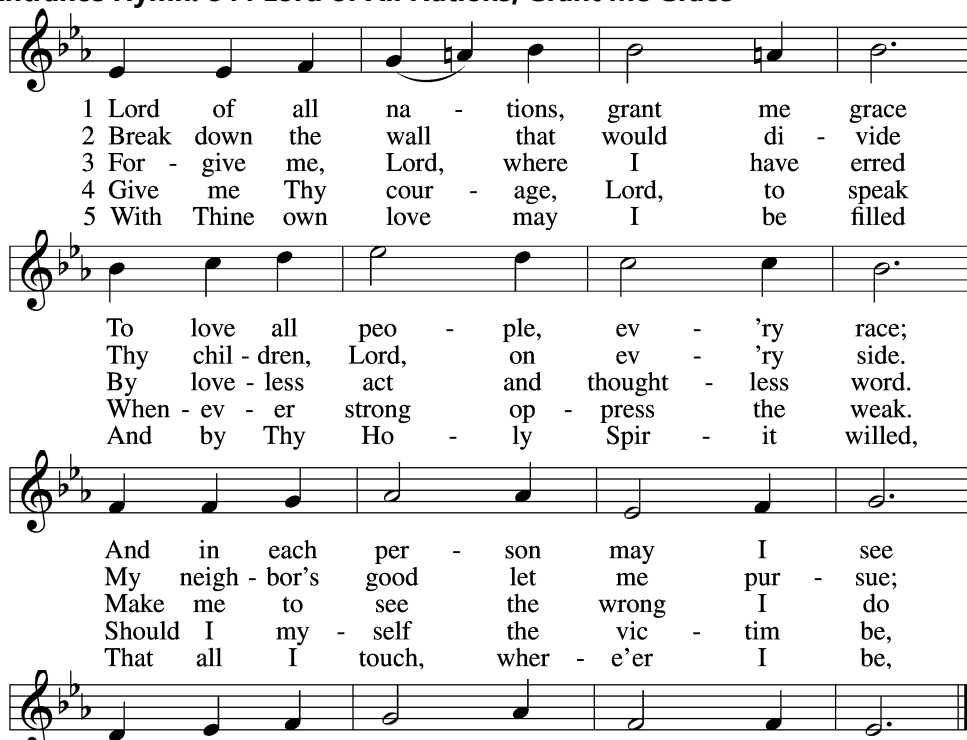
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
 4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak
 5 With Thine own love may I be filled

To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
 Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
 By love - less act and thought - less word.
 When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
 And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,

And in each per - son may I see
 My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 Should I my - self the vic - tim be,
 That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,

My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
 Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
 Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.
 May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

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Turn to face the cross as it moves toward the altar

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



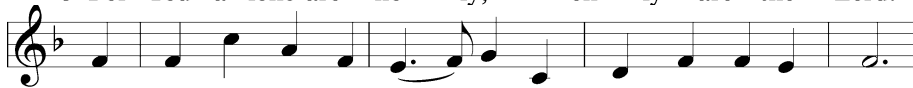
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart-felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13



¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me,
bless his | holy name!

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not all his | benefits,

³who forgives all your in- | iquity,*
who heals all your dis- | eases,

⁴who redeems your life | from the pit,*
who crowns you with steadfast love and |
mercy,

⁵who satisfies | you with good*
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

⁶The LORD works | righteousness*
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to | Moses,*
his acts to the people of | Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast
love.

⁹He will not | always chide,*
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according | to our
sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who |
fear him;

¹²as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions
from us.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is an Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below it. The second staff is the beginning of the verse, with the lyrics "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that" written below it. The third staff continues the verse, with the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." written below it. The fourth staff is another Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below it. The music is written in a simple, melodic style, suitable for a church service.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

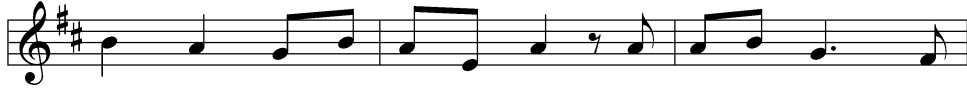
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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 762 There Is a Time for Everything



1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A
 2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A
 3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And
 △ 4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,



time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a
 time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a
 fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You
 Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, with



time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
 time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
 hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.
 time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race;



A time to heal, a time to slay, A
 A time to keep, then throw a - way, A
 From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your



time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a
 time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till
 neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's
 time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest Trin - i - ty, Your



time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
 ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
 path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
 praise we sing— There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For hearts softened by the forgiveness of God, that we may gladly serve and forgive one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our Synod and all who lead it, including Matthew, our Synod president, and our Synod's Board of Directors, that they and we may be united in witnessing to the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the enemies of the Church, that they may be led to true repentance, confess Christ as the only way of salvation, and finally have a share in the eternal life He has prepared for all who trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For likeness to our brother Christ Jesus, the greater Joseph, who extended pardon to His murderous brothers, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children, that our homes may give witness to the glory of God's gracious ways, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That God would raise up new Josephs among us, clothed with His wisdom and might, to forgive their enemies, convert the wicked and preserve order in a fallen world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who suffer in this life, especially those we name in our heart now, that they would find comfort in Christ who is Lord of goods and ills alike, even of life and death, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Merciful Master, You are always ready to forgive, though we deserve only punishment. Press the proclamation of this eager love deeply into our hearts, that we, too, may sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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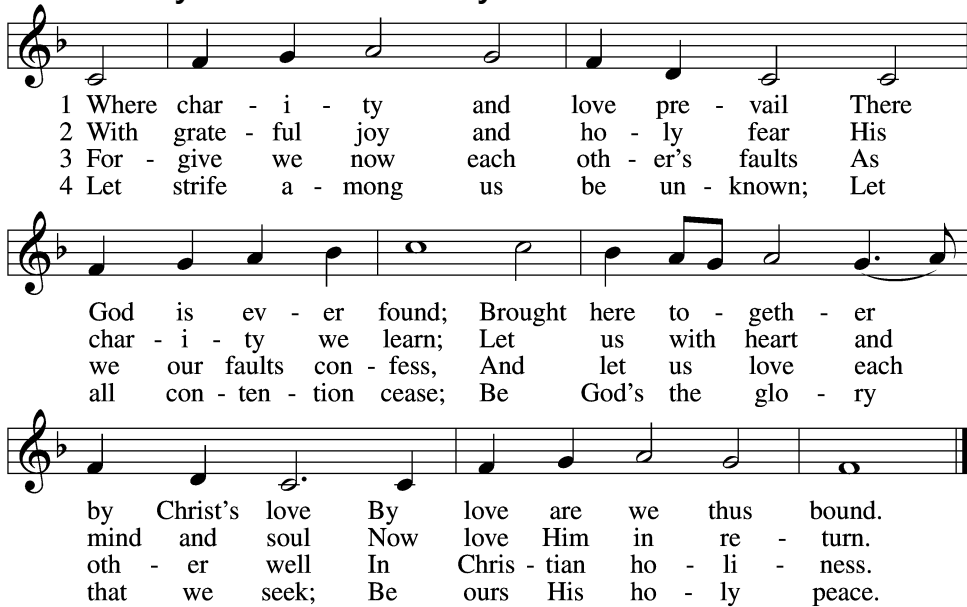
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

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Distribution Hymn: 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when

hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,

May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the be - gin - ning, Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 in 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 Amen.

Last Service as Immanuel Lutheran Church

P Beloved in the Lord, this church with its furnishings and vessels has been used for divine services since it was opened and dedicated on June 2, 1957. As we now prepare to dedicate it anew in the service of Ascension Lutheran Church, we remember with gratitude to God all the blessings He has given to us and to those who have gone before us.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of good gifts, we give thanks to You for Your presence in this place. We implore You to dwell among us continually with Your Word and Sacraments so that by Your grace we poor sinners may be converted to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

A Brief History of Immanuel Lutheran Church

The story of Immanuel Lutheran Church began near the turn of the twentieth century, when German Lutheran families who had moved to Madison gathered to hear God's Word in their own language. Pastor Ferdinand Haeuser of Portage conducted the first service for these families on January 13, 1901, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on East Washington Avenue.

Later that year, the congregation called Robert Kissling, a graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, to be its first pastor. Services were held in several locations while the young congregation established itself. On March 24, 1903, five charter members formally organized the Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Congregation. Immanuel joined the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1907.

The congregation dedicated its first church building, at Jenifer and South Ingersoll Streets, on October 11, 1908. Fifty communicant members belonged to Immanuel at that time. Worship was conducted in German and English until German services ended in 1934.

Immanuel grew steadily. By 1919 it had become self-supporting, and by 1928 it had 383 communicant members. The congregation supported Christian education through Sunday school, confirmation instruction, Bible studies, and Madison Lutheran School. Members served through numerous women's, youth, music, and service organizations.

As membership increased, Immanuel began planning for a larger church. Property at 1021 Spaight Street was purchased in 1942, and the present church was dedicated on June 2, 1957. In 1963, Immanuel reached its highest recorded membership, with 1,600 baptized members.

Immanuel sustained Madison Lutheran School, supported missionaries and church workers, assisted people in need, and opened its building to community organizations. In 1975, members welcomed and supported 17 Vietnamese refugees as they established new lives in Madison. Through YouTube livestreams, neighborhood ministries, and community partnerships, Immanuel continued bringing Christ's care to others.

During its history, Immanuel experienced changes in pastors, membership, language, buildings, and ministries while continuing its worship, Christian education, and community service.

Immanuel's life as an individual congregation now comes to a close as it joins St Paul, Monona, and Our Savior Deaf Lutheran churches in forming Ascension Lutheran Church. Its ministry will continue through the new congregation.

We close this history with gratitude for God's faithfulness and for all who worshiped and served at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Final Processional

The presiding minister says:

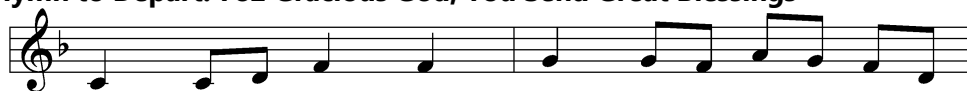
- P** Lord, we praise and thank you for the work You have done through Immanuel Lutheran Church. This building and these furnishings were dedicated to Your purpose. We remember all You accomplished through them now in gratitude.
- P** *(at the font)* For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- P** *(at the lectern)* Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- P** *(at the pulpit)* We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- P** *(at the altar)* Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- P** *(at the candles)* Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- P** *(at the communion vessels)* As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- P** *(at the cross)* Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

The procession begins with the following:

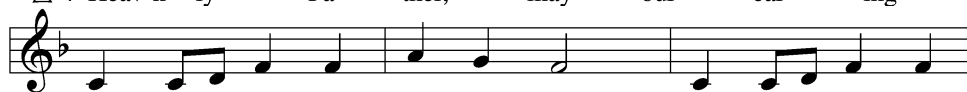
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** **in the name of the Lord.**

A hymn is sung as the cross leads the ministers in procession, with the congregation following.

Hymn to Depart: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
 △ 4 Heav' - n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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The congregation gathers outside the church doors (or in the Narthex). The presiding minister says:

P This church building is closed as a place for divine services, until it is dedicated by Ascension Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

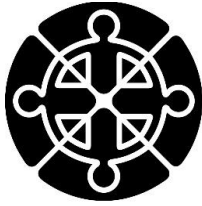
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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CHURCHES in harmony

Final Roundtable TODAY September 13 @10:00am at Immanuel

After the service, please join us downstairs for the final roundtable and potluck!

September 20 @10:00am at Monona: Monona Building Decommissioning and Farewell for Pastor Nowak and Corey Smies

A joint service will be conducted to decommission the Monona Ev. Lutheran Church building and acknowledge the retirement of Pastor Nowak and the end of Corey's 18 years of service. All are encouraged to gather downstairs after the service for a joint catered meal.

September 27 @10:00am at St. Paul: St Paul Building Decommissioning

A joint service will be conducted to decommission the St. Paul Lutheran Church building. All are encouraged to gather in the Narthex after the service for cake, punch and coffee.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, September 28 @1-6pm at Monona

Please contact Ann Rubin with any questions.

October 4 @10:00am: First Service of Ascension Lutheran Church

Our first service as Ascension will be held on Oct 4, in Ascension's main building (Immanuel's old building). After this service, we will hold our first voters meeting, elect officers, and adopt a budget.

October 11 @2:00pm: Formal Merger Service for Ascension Lutheran Church

On Oct 11, we will not hold a Sunday morning service. Instead, we will be inviting all our area churches to join us for our formal merger service at 2pm. The merger itself will be officiated by President Meador.

Nominations for Ascension Lutheran Church Governing Board and Board of Elders

As soon as we merge, we will hold elections. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please reach out to our Coordinator Jim Cox at office@churchesinharmony.org

Final Joint Council Meeting, September 14 @5:30pm at Monona

Young Adult Events, first and third Wednesdays of each month

Join us on the first Wed 7-9pm for Evening Prayer at Ascension and third Wed for a social event. Facebook: Ascension Lutheran Madison / Instagram: @ascension_madison

Finance Team Note: Offerings

Please write your name clearly on your offering envelopes during the final three months of 2026. This will help the Finance Team accurately record offerings during the transition. Continue using your current envelopes through December; new Ascension envelopes will be distributed for 2027. Beginning October 1, please make all offering checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, rather than to any of the four former congregations.