

**Sunday, November 1st 2026**
**All Saints Sunday & One Full Year of Merger**
**9:00 a.m.**

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## CALL TO WORSHIP & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning, and our end.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for Jesus' baptism, as it was here a sacred space was opened.

*A space that allows sinners to be welcomed as saints.*
*A space where we are named, claimed, and held in God's grace.*

We give thanks for God's living water. Water that has been around since the very beginning, when the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep.

We give thanks for healing waters, for water springing forth from a rock in the wilderness, for the water Jesus used to wash his disciples' feet, and for the waves he calmed upon the Sea of Galilee.

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. For those whose names we hold in our hearts, and those whose names are known only to God.

We give thanks for the saints among us today. For those who have been here for generations, and those who have only just found their place among us.

For the hands that built, the voices that sang, the prayers that were whispered, and the faith that was passed from one generation to the next.

We give thanks for the waters that have carried us all—for the baptisms that mark our stories, for the histories and memories we hold dear, and for the streams of God's grace that have brought us together.

One year into our life as one congregation, we give thanks that these waters continue to shape us. Not washing away the stories of where we have been, but carrying them with us into all that we are becoming.

In Christ, we are united with the saints of every time and place—those who have gone before us, those who walk beside us, and those still to come.

And together, we give thanks for the living waters of our Creator, whose endless river of grace makes us one. Amen.

**WELCOMING THE SAINTS OF ST. JOHN IMMANUEL**

*Those who were baptized this past year:*

Chloe Dellenbach
Vivian Lauersdorf
Remi Marczak
Andi Pagel

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF ST. JOHN IMMANUEL**

*Those who passed this past year:*

Casey Duginski
Robert Henning
Carol Hettinga
Robert Hoff
Wade Johnson
Gerhard Kirsch
Barbara Leffin
John Rakow
Louie Reissman
Carolyn Viergutz

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

*You are invited to light a candle in honor of all loved ones who have passed.*



**PRAYER**

*After the lighting of candles*

**READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 34:1-10,22**
I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
**I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
**I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles**.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.
Word of God. Word of Life.
**Thanks be to God**

**READING: 1 John 3:1-3**
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
Word of God. Word of Life.
**Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (page 205)***
**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
The gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**
**St. John Immanuel Bell Choir**

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

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**
Everything we have is a gift from God, entrusted to our care for a time. And so our offering is one way we tend what God has given. Let us give with grateful and generous hearts.

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*GIVE THANKS*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Abundant God,
Receive these gifts, and bless them with your presence. May they be a part of our mission, a part of your vision, and a blessing to the world. Through Jesus Christ who taught us to give we pray.
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (page 207)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION & 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 & ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Beloved in Christ, on this holy day, we gather at a table that stretches beyond time and place, where heaven and earth meet, and where we are joined with all the saints who have gone before us. Here, we remember those whose hands we once held, whose voices we still hear, whose love continues to shape our lives, and whose presence we carry in our hearts. Here, the distance between yesterday and eternity grows thin, and we are reminded that not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. At this table, there is room for our grief and our gratitude, our remembering and our hoping, our questions and our faith. For this is not our table. It is Christ's table. And the same grace that welcomed the saints before us welcomes us still. So come, you who carry memories both tender and joyful. Come, you who grieve, and you who give thanks. Come, you who have walked in faith for generations, and you who are still finding your way. Come, and be gathered in love with all the saints, trusting in the promise that whether in life or in death, we belong to Christ, and in Christ, we belong to one another.

***LAMB OF GOD (page 154)***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

# What Wondrous Love Is This




Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God,
We thank you for this meal and for the communion of saints present at your table. May this holy feast sustain us, and be a reminder that we never journey alone. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

As we go from this place, may we carry with us the love of the saints who have gone before us, the faith of those who walk beside us, and the hope of all that is yet to come.
May the God who has been faithful through every generation continue to guide our steps.
May Christ, who calls us saints and gathers us as one body, fill us with compassion, patience, and love.
And may the Holy Spirit give us courage for all that is still becoming, reminding us that we never walk this journey alone.
For we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, held together by a love stronger than death, and accompanied by the promise of Immanuel—God is with us.
In the name of the Father ☩ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, beloved saints of God, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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***Welcome to all!*** *Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones.*

***To those who are visiting:*** Welcome to St. John Immanuel and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

***Reminder!*** **If you are in need of Pastoral care, or if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Maggie, please contact St. John Immanuel (715) 675-6950**

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring **non-perishable grocery** items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart.*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Adult Study** Will discuss Acts Ch. 8-9

**Wednesday, November 4th Youth Group** High school students are invited to attend our Youth Group meeting on Wednesday, November 4th 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you plan on joining us!

**Sunday, November 8th Noisy offering!** Bring your coins (bills also accepted 😊). This noisy offering will go to: "**Youth Gathering** – *We're raising money to support our youth programs, events, and activities. Thank you for helping our youth grow in faith!*" Noisy offering will be the 2nd Sunday of the month. Money will be donated quarterly.

**Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.** – Church Council Meeting

**Saturday, November 14th Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** Packing Team: St. John Immanuel has pledged to send 32 volunteers to Highland Community Church to pack meals of rice, soy, vegetables and vitamins on Saturday, November 14th from 9am-11am. This year, the Wausau MobilePack will pack it's one millionth meal! Please sign up in the Narthex to be a part of this energetic and impactful team and see what just two hours of service can accomplish! Email Kim Landwehr with questions kamootz@gmail.com

**Sunday, November 22nd St. John Immanuel Pie Auction** Calling all pie lovers and bakers!! Do you need that special treat for Thanksgiving Day? Then this is the day for you. The pie auction will be held during Fellowship after worship. Bring a pie, buy a pie, or just plain old donate one for Fellowship!

**Tuesday, December 8th at 5:45 p.m.** Calling all ladies! The Sisterhood Gathering is right around the corner. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex with additional details.

**Thursday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. Candlelit Shepherds Meal** Save the date! More information to come.

**Monday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service** A prayerfully cultivated service for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who find the holidays to be a lonely time.

**June 28th – July 2nd 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering** 8th to 12th graders fall of 2026, we need to know your commitment by November 8th. Please see flyer for more details.

**2nd Year Confirmation Food Drive!** The 2nd year confirmation students want to help the people in need by starting a food drive. They are looking for non-perishable items, and no expired food please. Items can be placed into the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be distributed to local food banks.

**Parking Lot Update:** Please see the minutes located in the Narthex.

**A Fond Farewell to Waypost Camp** On the weekend of September 18th-20th Crossways Camp Ministries had **A Fond Farewell To Waypost Camp**. Sharing was had by all with wonderful heartfelt stories, pictures, meals, traditions, walks, services and so much more! Feel free to search and find memories on **Facebook**: Waypost Camp, Mission Lake, Hatley WI or Website: www.crosswayscamps.org. The Saturday Service with music can be found by searching on their website.

**Do you like Texas Roadhouse? Enjoy a meal on a Sunday and earn money back to St. John Immanuel!** Bring our church bulletin, turn it into your server, and St. John Immanuel will receive 10% back from your food sales!

**Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our website!** Help support St. John Immanuel with Kwik Trip gift cards!

**Live Streaming and Photography Notice.** When you enter St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

## Coming This Week @ St. John Immanuel November 1st – November 8th

**Today – Sunday, November 1st**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour / No Sunday School

**Monday, November 2nd**

6:30 p.m. Adult Study – Acts Chapters 8 & 9

**Wednesday, November 4th**

8:30 a.m. Quilters Meet

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**Thursday, November 5th**

Boundary Education Training Pastor Maggie

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir

**Sunday, November 8th**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour / Sunday School – Joseph and His Brothers

****Donations from Coffee hour will go towards a new refrigerator in our Fellowship Hall Kitchen.**