

Tuesday, November 24th 2026
Thanksgiving Evening Worship. Year A
6:30 p.m.

St. John Immanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING LITANY

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
For the gift of this day, for the breath of life, and for the beauty of creation,
We give you thanks, O God.
For the people who love us, the communities that sustain us, and the kindness that reminds us we are not alone,
We give you thanks, O God.
For the food that nourishes us, the homes that shelter us, and the hands that labor to provide for our needs,
We give you thanks, O God.
For moments of laughter, unexpected blessings, and the simple joys that brighten our days,
We give you thanks, O God.
For your presence in difficult seasons, for strength when we are weary, and for hope when the way ahead is unclear,
We give you thanks, O God.
For forgiveness that offers new beginnings, grace that never runs out, and love that never lets us go,
We give you thanks, O God.
For all that has been, for all that is, and for all that is yet to come,
We place our lives in your faithful hands.
Let us worship the God whose goodness endures forever.
We give you thanks, O God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. John Immanuel Bell Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and loving God,
You surround us with gifts of grace, often in ways we are too busy to notice. Open our eyes to your goodness in the ordinary moments of our lives. Remind us that we can come before you with grateful hearts and grieving hearts, with our joys and our burdens, trusting that your love is present through it all. Help us recognize the grace we have received, and let our gratitude become love that we share with others. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

READING: Deuteronomy 8:7–14, 18

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing
streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, **8** a
land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive
oil and honey, **9** a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will
lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine
copper. **10** You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land
that he has given you.
11 "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.
12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them **13** and
when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied
and all that you have is multiplied, **14** then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the
Lord your God. **18** But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you
power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your
ancestors, as he is doing today.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

READING: Philippians 4:4–9
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[c] these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
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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: Luke 17:11–19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria
and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached
him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he
saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He
prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?
18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he
said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

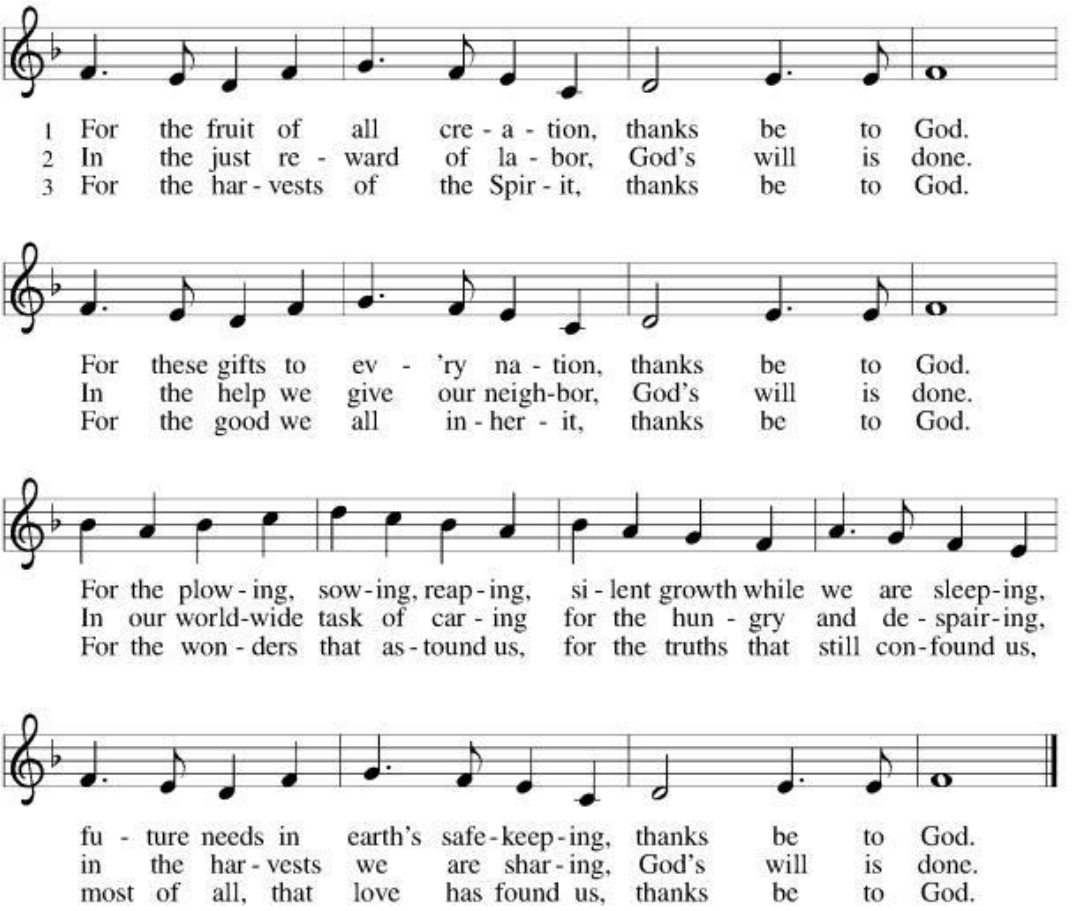
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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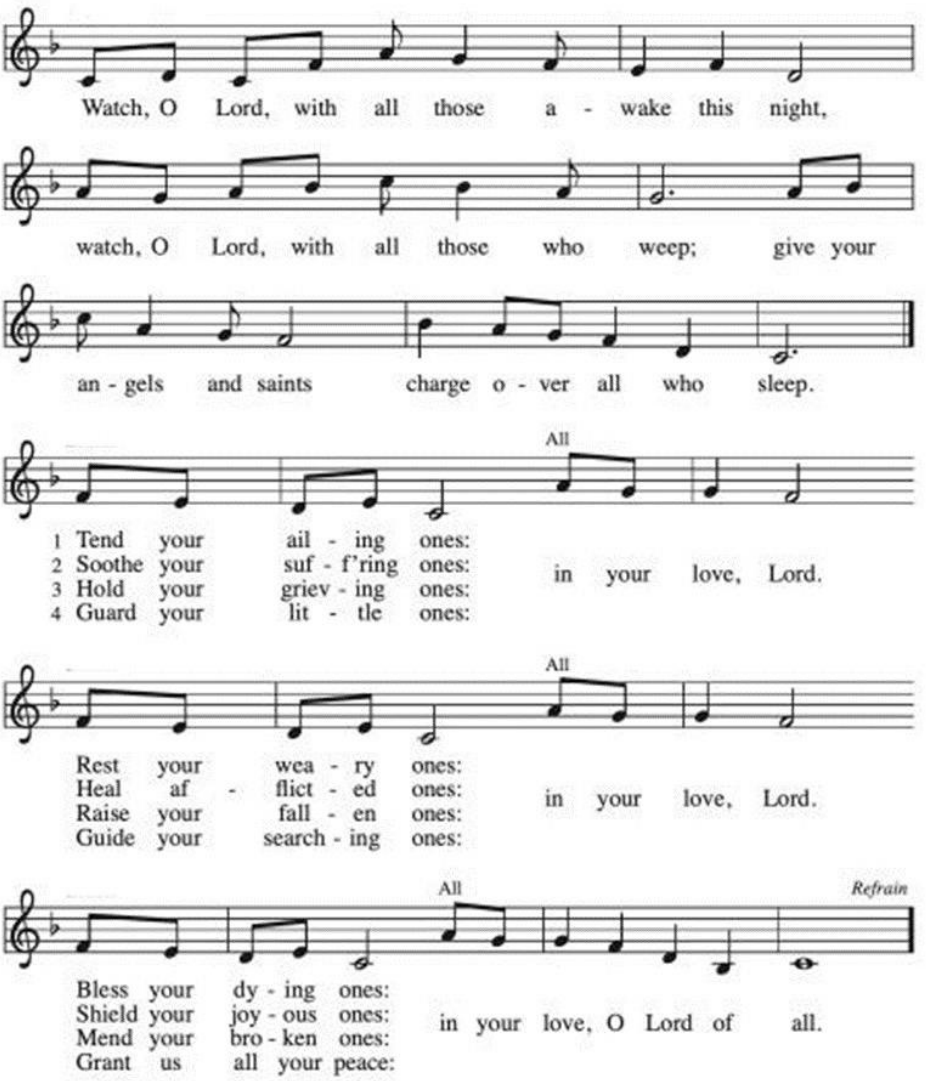
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Watch, O Lord



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on a prayer attributed to Augustine
Music: WATCH, O LORD, Marty Haugen
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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in the face of such wondrous love? With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God. https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZEVQ/home

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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

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, we may join you in healing, protecting, and sustaining all that you have made, through Jesus Christ 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and 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

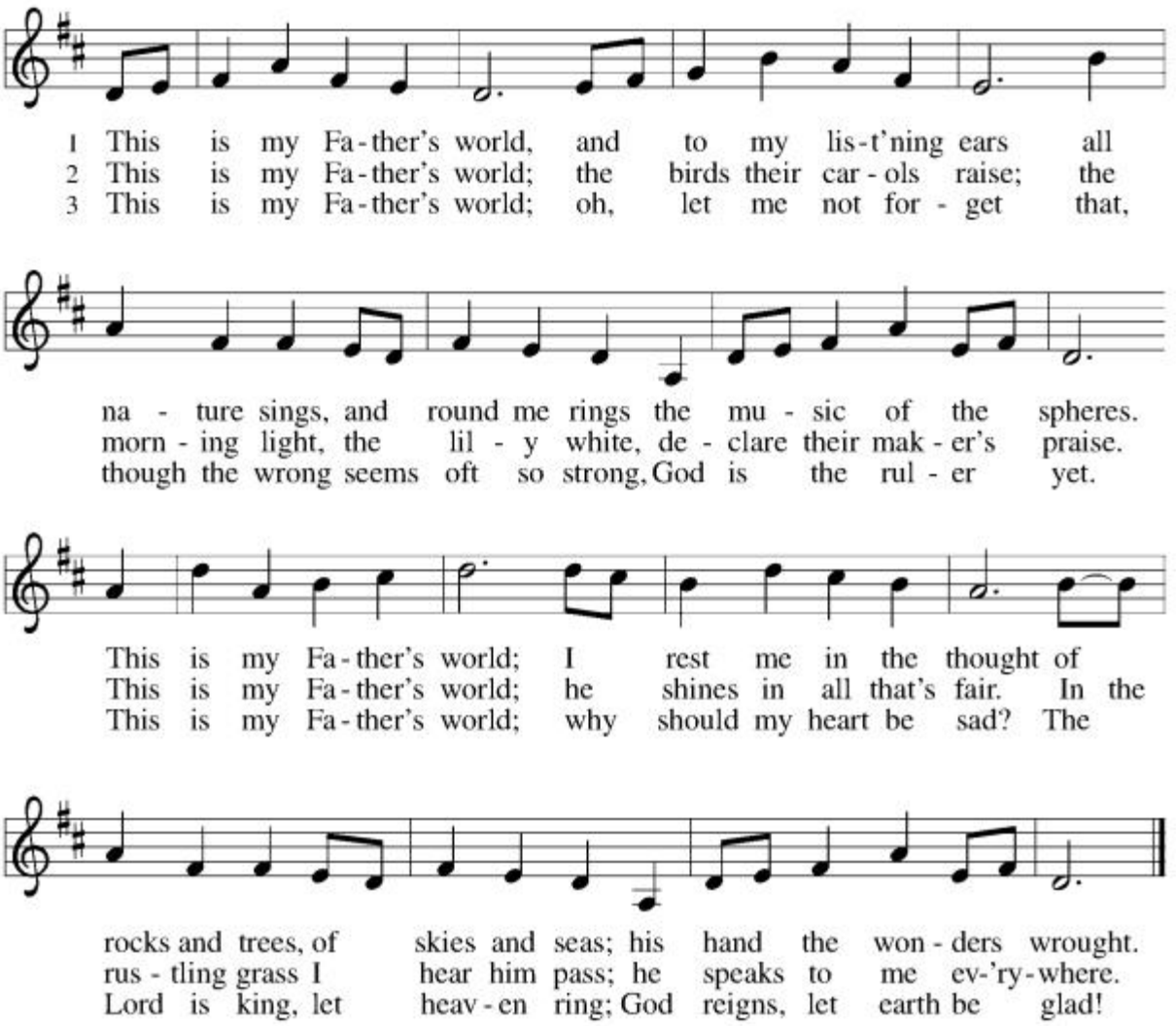
LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come to this table with grateful hearts, not because life has been easy, but because God's love has been faithful. Come with the blessings you can name and the burdens you still carry. Come remembering that every good gift begins in the generosity of God. Here, in bread and wine, Christ meets us with grace that cannot be earned, love that cannot be exhausted, and hope that cannot be taken away. Here, we receive the greatest gift of all: the promise that we belong to God, today and always. Come, for there is room at this table for all that you are. Come, receive the love of Christ, and let your gratitude become a blessing to the world.

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
Here Is Bread ELW (ELW 483) – No Downloads available

This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
You have welcomed us to your table and fed us with the gifts of your love. For this bread, this cup, and the promise of your presence, we give you thanks. As we leave this place, may the grace we have received shape the lives we live. Give us thankful hearts that notice your goodness, generous hands that share your blessings, and compassionate spirits that recognize the needs of others. May our lives become a living expression of gratitude for all you have done for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

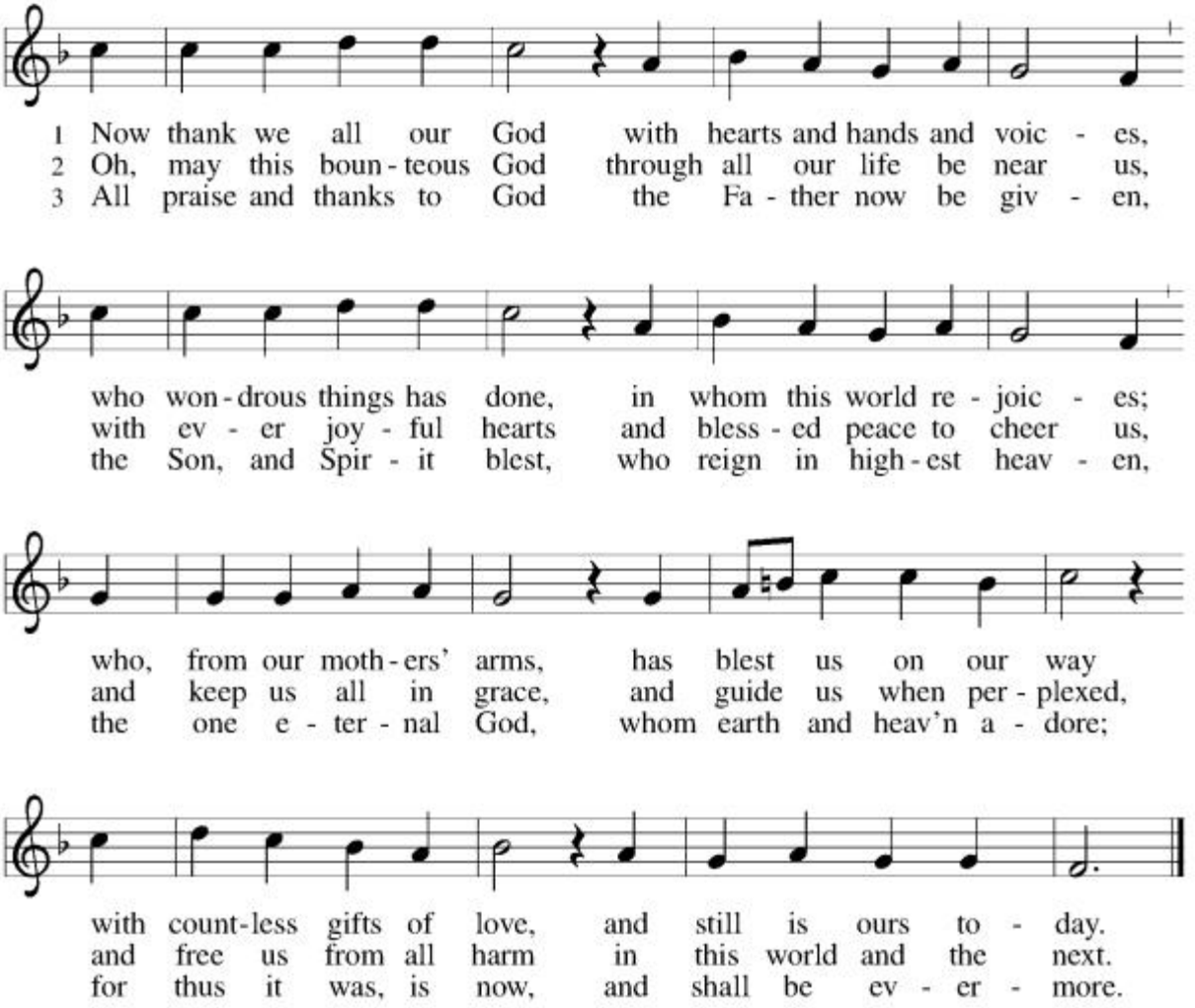
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the God of abundance bless you with hearts that notice the beauty of ordinary days.
May Jesus Christ, the bread of life, nourish you with grace, fill you with hope, and remind you that you are deeply loved.
May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to unexpected blessings, strengthen you through life's challenges, and inspire you to share generously all that you have received.
As you go into the quiet of this evening and the days that lie ahead, may you carry gratitude in your heart, kindness in your words, and love in your actions.
And may the blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the giver of every good gift, be with you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live with gratitude. Share God's love. **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

Saturday, November 28th at 10 am – We will be decorating the Narthex and sanctuary for Christmas. All are welcome to come join and help decorate our beautiful church. We will also be decorating the tree **Sunday the 29th** after worship.

Sunday, November 29th after worship – The Christmas Choir will be practicing after worship. Next practice will be December 6th after worship. If you haven't already signed up you are still welcome to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Monday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. the Book Club will discuss *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston*

Sunday, December 6th after worship – The Christmas Choir will be practicing after worship. If you haven't already signed up you are still welcome to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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.

Sunday, December 13th 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.

Sunday, December 13th 1:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Bowling At Days Bowl-A-Dome. Pizza and soda provided!

Monday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. the Adult Study will discuss Acts 10 & 11

Thursday, December 17th Candlelit Shepherds Meal Doors open at 5:00 p.m. ***Dinner starts at 5:30***. Join us in a simple Shepherds Meal of soup, bread, dried fruit, nuts and cheeses by candlelight. You are invited to bring wine to share with your brothers and sisters in Christ. After our meal, we will move into the sanctuary where we will watch "Journey to Bethlehem," a 2023 "live-action Christmas musical adventure... that weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith and new pop songs in a retelling of the greatest story ever told." $10/participant paid that evening. Sign-up in the narthex. *This is intended for adults and older/mature children.*

Sunday, December 20th Worship is at 10:00 a.m. Join us for our Children's Christmas Program! Following worship, enjoy our Winter Market Bake Sale, complete with a Hot Chocolate Bar and a Mimosa Bar! Want to help make this festive event a success? Stop by the narthex for more information and to sign up to donate baked goods or ingredients. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

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.

Tuesday, December 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Pizza & Movie Night - Pizza and movie night is BACK! Join us December 22nd for *The Grinch*. Pizza will be at 5:30pm, movie from 6-8pm. Bring your favorite blanket, pillow and stuffy! Bring a friend! Please sign up in the Narthex! Any questions please reach out to Maddie Grueneberg 715-574-9095

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Worship! Worship services will be held at 2:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

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.

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 24th – November 29th

Today - Tuesday, November 24th

6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 25th

No Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th

Church Closed – Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 28th

10:00 am Christmas Decorating – Narthex & Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29th

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour / No Sunday School – Christmas Tree Decorating in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Endowment Meeting

10:15 a.m Christmas Choir Practice

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