

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

The Thread

October 11th, 2026



Lectionary Summary:

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28:10–17

Ephesians 4:22–28

Matthew 9:1–8

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)



Sunday Divine Service - 9:00 am
Sunday Bible Study - 10:15 am

Contact Us:

Church & School Office

Office Hours: M–F: 7:30 am–3:30 pm

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MEMORY VERSE

THE SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY AND
DESERVING OF FULL ACCEPTANCE, THAT

**CHRIST JESUS
CAME INTO THE
WORLD TO SAVE
SINNERS,**

OF WHOM I AM THE FOREMOST.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15



Live Broadcast

If you are unable to join us for church today, don't miss the opportunity to listen to our service live this morning at 9:00 a.m. on 103.9 FM WXAN. The radio broadcast re-airs on Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. You can also view the livestream or recording on our YouTube channel.

Church Announcements:

Pastoral Call Update: Immanuel has extended a Divine Call to the Rev. Travis Lee Berg to serve as our pastor. Pastor Berg will now prayerfully consider the call and seek the Lord's guidance during this time of deliberation. Pastor Berg had indicated that he will provide the congregation with this decision by Sunday, October 18. Please keep Pastor Berg and his family, as well as our congregation, in your prayers. We trust that the Lord will guide this process according to His gracious will.

Pastoral Coverage Update: As we continue through the call process, we will be blessed to have a visiting pastor or seminarian with us each week to lead us in worship. This Sunday, **Rev. Art Eichhorn** will be leading us in worship. Following worship service, he will lead Bible Study in the church basement. We are thankful for those who are willing to serve our congregation during this time and look forward to welcoming them each week.

Emergency Pastoral Care During Our Vacancy: If you need emergency pastoral care during our pastoral vacancy, please call Alyssa in the church office at **618-684-3012**. She will contact one of the pastors who has graciously agreed to assist Immanuel during this time. For pastoral emergencies after regular office hours, please contact any one of our Elders listed below. They will help connect you with an assisting pastor.

Board of Elders:

Jeff Streuter—618-559-1991
Charlie Homan—618-201-5085
Bruce Mueller—618-319-0060
Mike Clough—618-559-6981
Gary Carter—618-792-5233

Website Updates Underway: We're currently working on updating and refreshing the Immanuel Lutheran Church & School website! As part of these updates, **online access to our weekly worship bulletin and the Thread has been restored**. You can once again visit our website each week to view the latest editions. We'll continue making improvements in the coming weeks to make the website easier to navigate and keep information current. Please visit the website at immanuelmurphy.com.

School Announcements:

I forgot to announce our Excellent Eagle Award recipients in the last Thread article. Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating effort in September: Hadleigh Guetersloh, Abel White, Violet O'Connor, Sofi Fagerland, Makenna Guetersloh, Hadleigh Anders, William Manwaring, Mi'Amore Cheu, and Eric Carson.

ILS honored Pastor Campbell at the end of chapel this past week. October is Pastor Appreciation month. We wanted to express our appreciation and gratitude for all that Pastor Campbell does for the school.

We have several upcoming events that you're welcome to participate in or invite others to participate in:

- October 17 - Cornhole Tournament at Brews Brothers Taproom starting at 1pm
- October 24 - Mommy & Son Nerf War at the school gym beginning at 1pm
- November 7 - Build-a-Stuffie at the school gym from 9am-12pm



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Food Collection Drive

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Monday, October 5 - Friday, November 6

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School will be hosting a food collection drive. All food will be donated to the Murphysboro Food Pantry, just in time for Thanksgiving. Our K-1 class will arrange a time to deliver the food items and tour the facility.

While all foods are welcome, the MFP has requested the following items:

- canned cream of mushroom soup
- ground cinnamon
- garlic powder
- canned pumpkin puree
- marshmallows
- Jiffy cornbread mix
- shelf stable pie shells
- stuffing mix



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT

Think you've got the toss to take home the title?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
AT BREWS BROTHERS TAPROOM
BEGINS AT 1:00PM

CALL/TEXT LOGAN HICKS
618-571-4500

REGISTER NOW AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!

Brews Brothers will donate 10% of sales to Immanuel

\$30 per team

Ready... Aim... Fire!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PRESENTS

MOMMY AND SON
NERF WAR

SAVE
THE
DATE



Bring your favorite nerf gun and prepare for battle! PTL will provide the bullets.

Report for duty
Saturday, October 24, 2026

Target Location
I9I5 Pine St, Murphysboro

PreK-2nd grade 1pm-2:30pm
3rd-8th grade 3pm-4:30pm

\$25 per family

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Build-A-Stuffie
Save the Date

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9am-12pm

order forms coming soon
pre-orders due by October 22



September Eagles Award Recipients



Art with Mrs. Paula



Dramatic Play in Mrs. Emily's Class



Fire Safety Week

Thank you to our Murphysboro Fire Department for coming and teaching our Prek-2nd graders about fire safety!

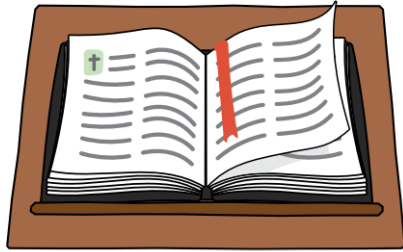


KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the "lectern"?

When the Lord calls us together for worship, He feeds us with His wonderful Word and Sacraments. In most churches, **the Bible**

sits on a stand called a "lectern." The word "lectern" comes from the Latin word "lectio," which means "reading."



Why is the Bible read from a lectern?

For thousands of years, God's living Word has been read to His people. When this Word is read to us, we remember that God continues to deliver His promise of salvation to us through faithful preaching and teaching. With the help of the lectern, our church Bible is in a great place for reading to all of God's people!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your child to walk up to the lectern in order to get a better look. Allow them to look at the church Bible. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During the service, before the readings, remind them that they are about to hear God's Word, and the lectern holds the Bible that they will hear God's wonderful promises from!



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Offering Income from last week:

September 27th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$ 4,205.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,655.00
Total Offerings	\$ 5,860.00

Restricted Fund:

Activity Fund	\$ 2,000.00
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October 4th, 2026:

Regular Offerings	\$ 5,960.00
Loose Plate	\$ 472.35
Total Offerings	\$ 6,432.35

Attendance:

October 4, 2026	150
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Service Participants - This and Next Week

Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Art Eichhorn

Organist: Luella McComb

Elder: Charlie Homan

Ushers: Bryan Hollmann, Orval Rowe, Josh Proctor, Charlie Homan, Henry Phillips & Scott Maloney

Altar Guild: Sue Williams

Acolyte: Gage Pittman

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Tony Troup

Organist: Luella McComb

Elder: Bruce Mueller

Ushers: Bryan Hollmann, Orval Rowe, Josh Proctor, Charlie Homan, Henry Phillips & Scott Maloney

Altar Guild: Sue Williams

Acolyte: Frankie Flores

Prepare for Worship Next Week

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Hymn of the Day:

LSB 827 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ephesians 5:15-21

Matthew 22:1-14



Daily Lectionary Readings:

Date	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
10/11	Deut. 9:23-10:22	Matt. 11:20-30
10/12	Deut. 11:1-25	Matt. 12:1-21
10/13	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
10/14	Deut. 12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
10/15	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
10/16	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
10/17	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58

Short Order of Daily Prayer:

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

*A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken
–The Hymn of the Day from the previous or upcoming
Sunday or a Psalm per day could be used.*

*One or both of the Daily Lectionary Readings
from the table above is read.*

*The appointed Weekly Small Catechism Reading
from the table above may be read.*

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

*Prayers for others and ourselves
–The Prayer List to the right is a good place to
start. LSB pages 305–318 is helpful as well.*

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Weekly Small Catechism Readings:

Sunday <i>Before Divine Service</i>	Christian Q & A
Sunday <i>After Divine Service</i>	Table of Duties
Monday	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	The Creed
Wednesday	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Friday	Confession
Saturday	The Sacrament of the Altar



Comfort and Health:

† Those in the Armed
Forces, Law Enforcement,
Fire, Emergency Medical
Services, & Healthcare
† David Arbeiter
† Sue Beckman
† Leah Carter
† Terry Estel
† Cindy Fager
† Marilyn Imhoff
† Virginia Lewis
† Ron Manwaring
† Nelda Miesner
† James Morber
† Arlene Parton
† Casey Phillips
† Henry Phillips Jr.
† Randall Phillips
† Don Porter
† Alberta Reiman
† Ina Rothe
† Don Shipley
† Randy Stoffel
† Larry Troue
† Richard Weber
† Sue Williams
† Carol Zobel

Wedding Anniversaries:

† 10-12 Scott & Angie Imhoff
† 10-16 Scott & Valerie Draves

Birthdays:

† 10-11 Gage Pittman
† 10-11 Eli Pittman
† 10-12 Charles Williams
† 10-14 Brian Manwaring
† 10-14 Laura Lynn Mueller
† 10-15 Bernadine Ihle
† 10-15 Carsyn Karg
† 10-16 Tonya Walker

Baptismal Anniversaries:

† 10-11 Carolyn Guetersloh
† 10-11 Canaan Cason
† 10-15 Landon Hicks
† 10-15 Rob Hicks
† 10-17 Sara Stanton

Immanuel Families:

† Rick & Cindy Fager
† Darin, Nicol, Gibson & Jackson Fager
† Kyle, Eli, Eden & Ezra Fager



October BIRTHDAYS

10-3 Carolyn Guetersloh	10-14 Laura Lynn Mueller
10-3 Jason Jarrett	10-15 Bernadine Ihle
10-5 Len Novara	10-15 Carsyn Karg
10-6 Sara Stanton	10-16 Tonya Walker
10-6 Richard Weber	10-18 Sue Williams
10-6 Julie Marik	10-18 Forrest Miesner
10-6 Laura Holmes	10-19 Katarina Snyder
10-7 AJ Boese	10-20 Audrey Vaughn
10-7 Nancy Wright	10-20 Maebrie Middendorf
10-9 Lloyd Mueller	10-21 Austin Jarrett
10-10 Abby Beckman	10-21 Elizabeth VanOver
10-11 Gage Pittman	10-23 Madison Jones
10-11 Eli Pittman	10-27 Leah MacFarlane
10-12 Charles Williams	10-28 Jim Zobel
10-14 Brian Manwaring	10-31 Richard Arbeiter

Altar Guild

Sue Williams

Ushers

Scott Imhoff

Mike Clough

Steve Williams

Bryan Hollmann

Brett Newton

Elders

10-4 Jeff Streuter

10-11 Charlie Homan

10-18 Bruce Mueller

10-25 Mike Clough

Organists

10-4 Landon Hicks

10-11 Luella McComb

10-18 Luella McComb

10-25 Landon Hicks

Acolytes

10-4 Ryker Gregory

10-11 Gage Pittman

10-18 Frankie Flores

10-25 Eli Pittman



10-1 Rick & Cindy Fager

10-2 Larry & Jo Troue

10-2 Scott & Paula Wheeler

10-2 David & Cindy Gregory

10-4 Kyle & Rachel Fager

10-5 Corey & Tina Jarrett

10-9 Jeff & Nancy Wright

10-12 Scott & Angie Imhoff

10-16 Scott & Valerie Draves

10-20 Brett & Lindsey Closson

10-20 Tony & Michelle Cramer

10-20 Len & Cindy Novara

10-25 Bryce & Jan Cramer

10-25 Eldon & Debbie Dunn



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00 am Div. Service K-8 Students Sing 10:15 am Bible Study LWML Sunday	5 6:30 pm Elders Mtg.	6 6:30 pm School Board Mtg. School Picture Day	7 8:30 am Chapel	8	9 Office Closed No School	10
11 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study	12 Office Closed No School—Columbus Day	13	14 8:30 am Chapel	15	16 ILS Pumpkin Patch Field Trip	17
18 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study	19 6:30 pm BoD Mtg	20	21 8:30 am Chapel	22	23	24 Mom & Son Nerf War
25 9:00 am Div. Service 10:15 am Bible Study	26	27	28 8:30 am Chapel	29	30 ILS Fall Parties & Noon Dismissal	31