



**since God had planned
something better
for us so that only
together with us
would they be made perfect.**

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Hebrews 11:40 NIV

Who Am I? A Blessed Saint Now

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Welcome to Immanuel *where God is with us!*



'Immanuel' is a name the Bible uses for Jesus. It means '*God is with us.*' When born Christmas Day, Jesus is literally 'with us.' He lives 'with us' to save us. Jesus is still 'with us.' We have his words, the Bible. It teaches our constant need for a Savior, reveals God's forgiveness, and guides our Christian living.

To our guests, we extend a warm welcome and are happy to have you worship with us! If you have questions for our pastor, please catch him after service or scan this QR code with the camera on your smart device. He is eager to assist as possible.



Our congregation offers these services should you need them:

- Copies of the sermon are on usher's cart at the back of the sanctuary.
- Bible story color sheets, also on the usher's cart.
- A nursery at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms directly behind the usher's cart, a water cooler to your left.

Today's Worship Focus



Christ is the center of our worship. We follow a yearly set of readings that explores and applies the life, work, and teachings of Christ for us.

We are in the **Time of the Church**. Troubles challenge faith, but Christians rely on God's Word and sacraments to keep faith strong. God's Word and sacraments also assure Christians of safely reaching their heavenly home.

Prayers before service may be found in the blue hymnal, page III & 255-258.

Our worship service is printed in this bulletin (also printed in the hymnal; The Service: Setting One, page 154). Consider taking a moment to become familiar with it.

Current Series: Who Am I?

Today: **A Blessed Saint Now**

A broken past may make it difficult to count yourself forgiven. God proclaims real forgiveness— grasped by faith now, seen fully soon.

Next Week: **An Heir of the Resurrection**

An heir is guaranteed to receive. Jesus makes us heirs of heaven through faith. This gives comfort in the present and certainty for the future.

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 22:1-5, Luke 20:27-38

OPENING HYMN #858

"God is Here! As We Your People"

(Stand for final verse)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace. Here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here, as bread and
age of change and doubt, keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here, in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive; we who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



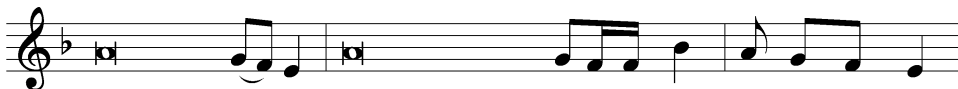
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



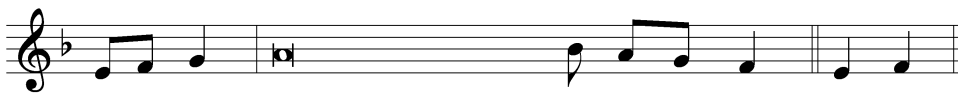
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1-6

The blessed home of God's people

¹Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:32-40

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Revelation 7:15

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-23

The blessings of being God's saint may be hidden now, but will be fully revealed

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he [Jesus] said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY #890

"Jerusalem the Golden"



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song
- 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
- 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

SERMON

Hebrews 11:32-40

You are Numbered among the Saints

1. Persevering under the cross.
2. Commended for the faith.

OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

THE SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

We remember those who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross, heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, and during the past year received the crown of everlasting life. Holy Scripture clearly teaches that those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb are now before the throne of God. (Revelation 7:14-15)

We praise and thank God for his gift of saving faith, and we find comfort and confidence in Scripture's promise of eternal life.

† Douglas Kent Davis (December 15, 2024)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

HYMN #883, verse 1

*Behold a host, arrayed in white, like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; who is this band before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
who from the great affliction came and in the flood of Jesus' blood
are cleansed from guilt and blame. Now gathered in the holy place,
their voices they in worship raise; their anthems rise where God resides,
mid angels' songs of praise.*

† Joyce Mae Cook (March 31, 2025)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

HYMN #883, verse 2

*Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; but now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, a priestly band, God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by, in anguish they would weep and sigh;
at home above the God of love fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, the heav'nly banquet of the blest;
the Lamb, their Lord, at festive board
himself is host and guest.*

† JoAnn Frances Scott (June 12, 2025)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

HYMN #883, verse 3

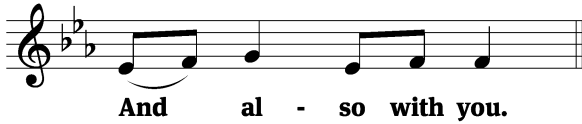
*O blessed saints in bright array, now safely home in endless day,
extol the Lord, who with his Word sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; you toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
rejoice and bring your fruits and sing before the throne of God.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song, yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring— to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor will lead prayer

THE SACRAMENT

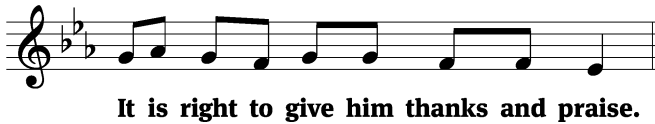
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



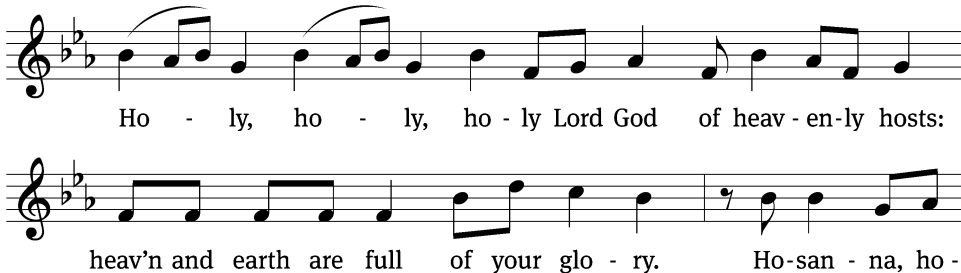
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

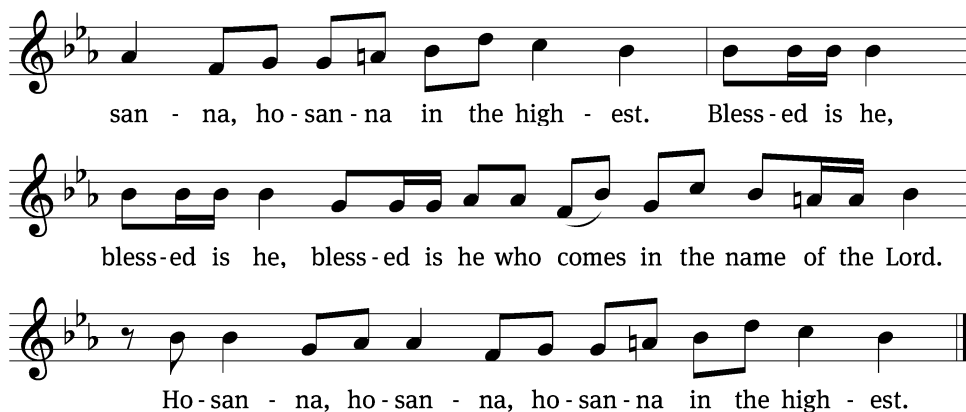


It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION - *If you are visiting today we ask you to speak with our pastor before communing. Holy Communion expresses our special oneness in faith and confession, so we welcome like-minded believers from other WELS or ELS congregations. We respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. If you have any question about our practice please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #557

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works a-vailed me naught, no mer-it they at-
4 But God be-held my wretch-ed state be-fore the world's foun-



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 *He spoke to his beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
and bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."*
- 6 *The Son obeyed his Father's will,
was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
he came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
a servant's form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.*
- 7 *To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.*
- 8 *"The foe will shed my precious blood,
me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good;
be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.*
- 9 *"Now to my Father I depart,
the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.*
- 10 *"What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom's work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;
this final word I leave you."*

Song of Simeon (Hymn #951)



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #884

"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (11/2)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (with Holy Communion) Sunday School / Bible Class Worship (with Holy Communion)
Tuesday (11/4)	6:30 PM	Ladies Aid
Wednesday (11/5)	3:45 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study
Friday (11/7)	11:00 AM	Devotion @ Acorn Hill
Sunday (11/9)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship

TRUNK OR TREAT was a great success! God blessed us with a beautiful fall afternoon. Twenty vehicles participated, and no less than 280 kids dressed up, collected candy, and played games. About 60 adults received Immanuel's trifold brochure, and even more walked away with a magnet containing information about Immanuel. A most sincere 'Thank You!' to everyone who helped organize, set-up, participate, and donate. Your contributions are appreciated!

THANK YOU to all who helped defray the cost of *Meditations; A Daily Devotion* with \$259 in total offerings. Our Mission Festival collected \$330 for WELS Home Missions— specifically, to support the Synod's 100-Missions in 10-years initiative.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES PLEASE NOTE: November 16th (3rd Sunday) worships at 9:00am only. For those hunting, a special opportunity to worship is Thursday, November 20th at 6:30pm. **Sunday, November 23rd, worships at 9:00am only.** Bible Class and Sunday School follows service. A Service of Thanks to our mighty and merciful Father is Wednesday, November 26th, 6:30pm.

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who helped with mowing the campus grounds this year. Your help was much appreciated. Please contact Nathan Nechuta 715.573.9139, if you have changes or suggestions for next year. Thank you.

BIBLE CLASSES Join us on Sunday mornings as we meet to study of Church—Mission—Ministry. Can you define 'church'? And, what does a 'church' exist to do? How does a 'church' actually do what it says it will do? ...Do you have clear, concrete answers to those questions? As a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, consider studying the reason for the existence of your congregation. Gain a clear picture of your church's greatest goal and how it strives to reach that goal. Haven't attended Bible Class before? This is a great time to come, sit, study, listen, and learn!

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, we will spend several weeks wrestling with life's highest priority as discussed in Ecclesiastes. This Bible book, with many somber notes, peels back the 'layers of life' so that you find real focus through life's work, possessions, and responsibilities. All materials will be provided.

LADIES AID meets Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30pm. All ladies are invited. Questions? Please contact Joy Peterson (920.737.3147).

OWLS We have a very interesting presentation in November with Pastor Wranovsky talking about "Becoming a Pastor in the 21st Century". We will meet at Our Savior's Lutheran School (go in the main school entrance on Flieth St) November 11th at 11:30. As always, guests are encouraged to attend. Questions? Please contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhr, 715-693-1337

FAITH COMES BY HEARING Ladies Aid is sponsoring a project to buy "Bible Sticks" for our troops and their families, as well as, putting audio Bibles (Proclaimers) into the hands of all people. For more information about *Faith Comes by Hearing* please speak with a Ladies Aid member. Donations to this wonderful way of sharing the gospel are due by December 7th. Please make checks out to Immanuel Ladies Aid and place them in the Ladies Aid mail box. Thank you.

CIRCLE OF JOY FOOD DRIVE Food donations for *Circle of Joy* will be collected during the month of November. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes under the mailboxes. Please see the bulletin board for a list of needed items. Thank you.

ST PETER MEN'S CLUB VETERANS NIGHT You are invited to the St. Peter Men's Club Annual Veterans Night on November 17th starting at 5:30 pm (supper provided). This event will feature Glen Zimmerman, who served as a member of the U.S. Army in Vietnam from July 1969 through September 1970. **See the entryway bulletin board for Glen's biography.** To RSVP, please call the St Peter Church Office by November 9th.

Serving You in Worship:			
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display
Sunday Nov. 2, 8:00 AM	Dan Colrud	Ethan Sondelski	Dillan Sondelski
Sunday Nov. 2, 10:15 AM	Rod Sparby	--	Nicole Luedtke
Sunday Nov. 9, 8:00 AM	Dan Cihlar	MaryBeth Cihlar	Kayla Cihlar
Sunday Nov. 9, 10:15 AM	Terry Landwehr	--	Dean Peterson

NORTHLAND NOTES

NLHS FRUIT SALE *The fruit sale is back!* We have a large variety of quality fruits available this year, perfect for the upcoming holiday season! All proceeds from the fruit sale are used to support Northland's vision of preparing students for this life and eternity through premier Christ-centered education. You can find the fruit flyer, meat & cheese flyer, and the order form on the church bulletin board. All orders must be turned in to NLHS by **November 24, 2025**. Order pick up will be December 12, 9 AM - 3 PM and December 13, 9 AM - 12 PM.

DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT ACCOUNT? If you have a Thrivent account you are eligible for a grant that can help Northland! We can help you every step of the way! Please contact Stacy Summers at 715-212-4610 or opportunities@nlhs.org.

NORTHLAND NOTES AND NEWS For a weekly update from Northland Lutheran High School please visit nlhs.org to subscribe to Northland Notes.

WAUSAU CIRCUIT NEWS

Rev. em. James Mattek (Grace, Ringle) recently suffered a heart attack. We thank God for sparing his life. He has requested a one-month leave of absence to recover.

NEXT CIRCUIT MEETING: Monday, November 8th, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Marathon City