

WEST IDA IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

160 Years of Serving Together

Sunday, November 20, 2022

24th Sunday after Pentecost

"Thanksgiving Service"

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

Welcome

(Congregation Response is in Bold)

Confession and Promise of Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn – "Come ye Thankful People Come" #693

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Readings for This Day

The first reading is from **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The responsive reading today is Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Reading is **Philippians 4:4-9**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, 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 these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The holy Gospel according to **John 6:25-35**

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe

in him whom he has sent.”³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – **“United at the Table” #498**

Prayers of Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Offering is Gathered

Offertory Hymn – **“Give Thanks” ccli#20285**

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna is the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.**

Words of Institution

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught –

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Communion Hymn – **"Come to the Banquet"**

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn – **"Now Thank we all Our God" #840**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today:

Usher:	Kurt Kraftchick
Communion Assistant:	Paul Kraftchick
Fellowship Hour:	Emily Frank
Reader:	Paula Nyitray

Serving November 27th:

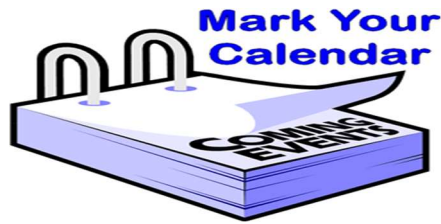
Usher:	Emily Frank
Communion Assistant:	Mardi Ruehs
Collection Counters:	Paula Nyitray & ??
Fellowship Hour:	Pizza AFTER decorating
Reader:	Emily Frank

SISTERS BIBLE STUDY -meets at 6p on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come as you are, and join us! **Our Christmas Gathering** will be at the Brown Jug in Maybee, MI on **December 15th** at 6pm. Everyone is invited!!

THANK YOU WEST IDA!! We collected **64 cans of corn** as of Monday and expecting more!! Thanks also to Ed and Jan Ruehs for transporting the corn to Dundee Caring & Sharing for distribution.

Christmas in Ida pamphlets are available in the back of the church. **Ida Class of 2024** invites everyone to a Live Auction on Friday, December 2nd in the Partners Tent @ 8pm. Funds will support Prom and Project Graduation. Come start your Christmas shopping and support the Junior Class!!

Today's Thanksgiving and loose offerings will go to ELCA World Hunger Fund! **Advent and Christmas** offerings will benefit Oaks of Righteousness.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

HUNGRY SEEKERS will be held every second and fourth Sunday after the Children's Message.
CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held every second and fourth Sunday during Fellowship Hour.

TODAY: Thanksgiving Worship – during our regular Sunday morning service. In addition to our Sunday morning service, there will also be a Dundee Interfaith Thanksgiving worship at Dundee United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Denise will be preaching.

Christmas Decorating – The congregation is invited and encouraged to help our Confirmation class decorate the church on **November 27th immediately after church**. In lieu of coffee hour, after we're done decorating, we will have a pizza party!!

Sisters Christmas Gathering – December 15th at 6pm; Little Brown Jug in Maybee, MI.

Blue Christmas – Otherwise known as "Longest Night" on **December 21st** at 7:00 p.m. We will be collecting blankets for those less fortunate.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day worship -It's never too soon to put this on your calendars... Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be at 7pm; worship on the 25th at 10am

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Friday, November 25, 2022

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment (*local water sources may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every national and local elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts (*individuals, congregational ministries, or local organizations may be named*). Provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for this congregation and those who plan worship. Guide deacons, pastors, musicians, and lay leaders in their creation of meaningful experiences. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you (*especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, pastors in North America, whom we commemorate today*). Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.