

As Lutherans, you will often hear it said that we use the historic liturgy. Yet, Luther wrote many new hymns and brought in many new innovations into the liturgy. He took out the Eucharistic Prayer, that God would accept the bread and wine as an offering to Him. Into the Baptismal rite he both wrote and added the Flood Prayer.

Many other innovations of Luther revolve around congregational involvement and responses. Part of the Reformation was bringing God's Word to the people. This is why we have two, three, or even more Bible readings in every service. They are read not in Greek or Hebrew as the original manuscripts were. Neither are they read from St. Jerome's Latin Vulgate translation but rather we hear God's word in the *lingua franca*, the common tongue. For Immanuel this was German until 1954. Our English services started in 1926, and since the end of our German services we have worshipped in English. This is in accord with what Martin Luther did during the Reformation when in 1526 he wrote Die Deutsche Messe, The German Mass, 300 years before Immanuel began our services in English.

Another contribution that Luther made to the liturgy were his deep and theological hymns, again written in the common tongue. Imagine going through the entire month of October celebrating the Reformation and never singing "Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott". Without the hymns of Martin Luther, we never would have even heard "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". Martin Luther's hymnody is deeper than this though. Imagine Christmas without "Dear Christians One and All Rejoice", Martin Luther's beloved Christmas hymn. Or the joyous "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come".

Not all of Luther's hymns are so jubilant though. He was melancholy. He also wrote hymns such as "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee," in which he pleads for forgiveness, always resting on the work of Jesus. Likewise, He also wrote "Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word", in which we pray for God's continued grace as God keeps us always in the Christian faith.

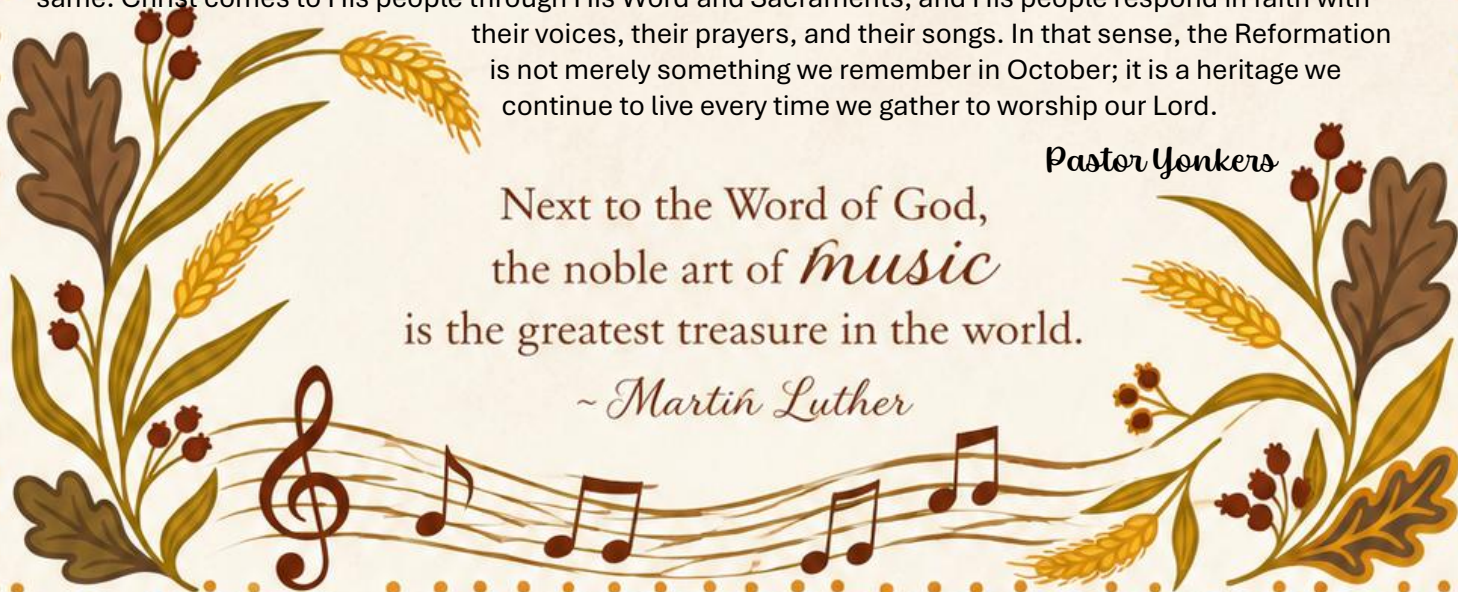
Martin Luther made contributions to the liturgy and to our hymnody. He also made contributions to how we sing. In the back of our sanctuary, up in the balcony is an organ. Imagine Immanuel and our worship without it. The pipes, the music, the feeling of the low notes shaking our building and even our bones as we sing. Originally an instrument found in secular theatres, Martin Luther initially opposed organs within the church, but soon came to accept them and Lutherans became some of the first and greatest composers of organ music. J.S. Bach, Heinrich Schuetz, Paul Gerhardt, and more modern Stephen Starke have all composed music and hymns for the organ, many of which find themselves in our Lutheran hymnals. Starke has even written music and elements of our liturgy and even one of our divine services.

All these things, our liturgy, our hymns, our organ, and the participation of the congregation—remind us that Lutheran worship is not simply about preserving something old for the sake of being old. Rather, these gifts serve a much greater purpose: proclaiming Christ and delivering His gifts to His people. Luther did not seek to create worship that pointed people toward Martin Luther; he sought to reform worship so that the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be heard, sung, confessed, and received by all. As we worship here at Immanuel, we continue to benefit from those Reformation contributions. The language may have changed, the hymns may have grown, and the music may have developed, but the purpose remains the same: Christ comes to His people through His Word and Sacraments, and His people respond in faith with their voices, their prayers, and their songs. In that sense, the Reformation is not merely something we remember in October; it is a heritage we continue to live every time we gather to worship our Lord.

Pastor Yonkers

Next to the Word of God,
the noble art of *music*
is the greatest treasure in the world.

~ Martin Luther



IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER:

- Fall Rummage and Bake Sale, **Oct. 2 & 3**
- LWML Muffins for Mites, **Oct. 4**
- CID Fall Pastor's Conference, **Oct. 5 – 7**
- Capital Fund's Steak Fry, **Oct. 10**
- LWML Sunday & Missionary Visit, **Oct. 11**
- Columbus Day, **Oct. 12**
- Women's Care Clinic Walk for Life, **Oct. 17**
- Voter's Meeting, **Oct. 18**
- ILS Chili Cook-Off, **Oct. 22**
- Cemetery Work Day, **Oct. 24**
- Reformation Sunday, **Oct. 25**
- Reformation Day, **Oct. 31**
- Trunk or Treat, **Oct. 31**



WALK FOR LIFE: On Saturday, **Oct. 17**, the Women's Care Clinic of Danville will host its annual Walk for Life at Lincoln Park.

The Women's Care Clinic provides life-affirming, safe, and confidential services to women facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy – all completely free of charge. Their services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STI testing and treatment, abortion pill reversal, parenting support, adoption referrals, and financial and material assistance. Their goal is to meet women where they are, offering compassionate care, practical support, and hope.

This ministry is especially important in our community. The Women's Care Clinic is working toward purchasing a new building across the street from Affirmative Care Solutions, where abortion services are provided. Their vision is to be a welcoming, life-affirming presence right where women may be considering difficult decisions about an unexpected pregnancy.

This year, all donations from the Walk for Life will go toward the Women's Care Clinic's building campaign. One particularly meaningful part of the project will be a flower-lined walkway leading from the sidewalk to the entrance of the new clinic. One particularly meaningful part of the project will be a flower-lined walkway leading up to the entrance of the new clinic. If we can raise just \$300, the WCC will engrave a brick on the walkway with our name. What a wonderful testimony it would be to have "Immanuel Lutheran Church" welcoming women and families as they walk toward a place of hope, help, and support.

Please consider making a donation, and, if you are able, consider walking with them at Lincoln Park on October 17 for the Walk for Life. Donations may be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church and turned in at the church office by **Oct. 12**. Let's show our community that Immanuel stands for life and is ready to support women and families who need help!

Together, we can help make sure that women in our community know they are not alone—and that choosing life can be met with a community ready to walk alongside them.



HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us, and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

A LETTER FROM CHRIST: Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote: "*And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts*" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV). What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others. The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions

and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts.

None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him. What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's Zora Drews Scholarship Fund door offering. Together, we collected an incredible **\$493!** Your generosity helps families who are struggling financially provide a Christian education for their children. Thank you for your generous support and for keeping our students and school in your prayers.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Our first Sunday mite collection has become a wonderful way for us to support the mighty missions of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Our next **Muffins for Mites** is **Oct. 4**. Bring your spare change (or any mite offering) and make a donation to help support mission projects around the world. Then, take a delicious muffin to enjoy as a little thank-you for helping make a mighty difference!
- **CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY** with us on **Oct. 11!** Lutheran Women in Mission are all about supporting missions and sharing the love of Christ with others. We are especially excited to welcome missionary Ashley Lehr, who serves the Lord through the LCMS4 in Puerto Rico. Our Women's Guild has supported Ashley's work in Puerto Rico, and she last visited Immanuel three years ago. Come hear about all that God has been doing through her ministry over the past three years and how the Lord continues to open doors for the Gospel! *We are looking for someone to host Ashley for the night of Oct. 10 after the Steak Fry until church on Sunday morning. Please see Diana Pratt if you would be willing to open your home for a night.*
- Our next *monthly luncheon meeting* is **Oct. 13** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share, everything else is provided. On the agenda will be final Bazaar plans and upcoming events. Hop to see you there!
- **Ingathering:** Our October ingathering continues for The Dwelling Place. This faith based ministry is dedicated to the already homeless or those at risk of experiencing homelessness. They strive to provide each person acceptance, grace, compassion, and friendship. Items requested include hygiene items for men and women, toilet paper, aspirin or pain reliever, men and women's gloves and hats, and both men's and women's socks and underwear. There is a tote in the coat room for donations.

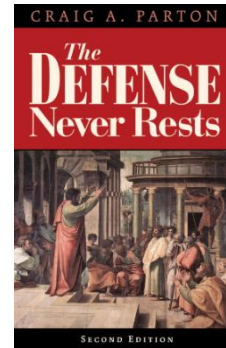


Our next regular Voters Meeting will be on **Oct. 18**. Items on the agenda include annual board reports, and an open floor session to share thoughts, feedback, and any concerns you may have. As always, your voice matters, your participation helps guide the work we do together in Christ's name. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE! Our Fall Rummage & Bake Sale is almost here – **Oct. 2 & 3!** It's time to start cleaning out those closets, cupboards, and storage rooms! You may bring your donations to the gym door, and our volunteers will be available to take them in and place them directly in the gym for the sale. Thank you for supporting our rummage sale! Every donation and purchase helps support the ministries of Immanuel.



FROM THE CPH SHELF...



The Defense Never Rests

Price: \$17.99

This powerful critique of American Christianity chronicles the spiritual pilgrimage of one man and provides a defense of the pure Gospel.

In the first half of the book, Parton explains his spiritual autobiography. Follow his journey from unbelief to American Evangelicalism and Campus

Crusade staff work, to his discovery of the Lutheran church. In the chapters after his arrival at an understanding of Lutheranism, he presents a hard-hitting critique of shallow, pop-style worship and theology. Readers will also appreciate Parton's honest, systematic approach to apologetics that tackles the tough questions of how to explain the Christian faith in a way that always points back to Christ's work.

Use this book day by day or return to familiar prayers in times of need. Grace for Every Season becomes a steady companion, reminding you that in every chapter of life, you are held in Christ's mercy and sustained by His unchanging grace.

Endorsements

"When Peter calls us to 'be prepared to give a defense,' he has in mind the sort of case that a lawyer makes in court. As a distinguished lawyer and apologist, Craig Parton brings Peter's instruction to life. This is a gold-mine for our witness to Christ. But more than that, it fills our own sails with confidence that the gospel is more than wishful thinking. Resources like this don't come along very often. Grab the chance to be better prepared!"

— Michael Horton, J. Gresham Machen
Professor of Theology, Westminster Seminary California

"Mr. Parton's positive presentation of the treasures of classical Christian theology and his fact-based defense for the truth of the Gospel are stunning."

— Professor Rod Rosenblatt
Concordia University, Irvine, California

If you would like to order a copy of this book, please see Kim in the church office.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SUMMARY:

Date: Sept. 15, 2026 / Next Meeting: Oct. 20, 2026

New Business

The Synod is presenting an amendment to the Constitution, Article XII 15. The amendment would allow alternate means, in cases of urgent necessity, for district conventions to be called by circuit forums or district vice-presidents and circuit visitors without the consent of the district president. This requires congregational vote and will go to our Voter's Meeting in October.

The October Voter's Meeting is to be held Oct. 18 following our Divine Service. Light refreshments will be served.

Old Business

Ongoing tasks include the combining the church and school personnel manual and updating Immanuel's Constitution and By-Laws.

Christian Education

- Enrollment: 68
- Staffing Changes: One parttime employee quit. We are looking to hire for Before and After Care and a long-term sub is needed.
- Events: The Fall Carnival seemed to be well attended and enjoyed by families. Our next event is the Chili Cook Off in October.

Finance

The board approved closing the 2025 fiscal year. Year end reports were reviewed and extensively discussed. Approved contacts were updated with Lutheran Legacy, and we discussed beginning to use the 5% of the interest of these accounts and making the withdrawals on an annual basis.

Properties

A water spigot was installed on the north end of the building for the school teachers to fill water tables for the children. We are on the schedule for Sentry in September but are yet to receive a start date. The cafeteria east wall outlet is not working.

Evangelism

Discussed welcoming visitors and making sure they know who to talk to on Sundays.

Stewardship

Sue discussed interest in the "Christ is Risen! Tell the Next Generation" matching grant. Is there an event we can do to invite the community in?

Worship

LWML Sunday and the visit from missionary Ashley Lehr will be combined to one service on Oct. 11.

Youth

There is 2 years until the next National Youth Gathering to be held in San Antonio. Owen, Jamie, and Hannah would all like to go again and are eligible. Any others? Discussed possibly looking into becoming more involved in district youth events. Camping trips? Lock-ins?

Parish Education / Women's Guild

- Christian Education Sunday is Sept. 27 and is also an ILS Sunday.
- Muffins for Mites was a success. Previous Mite Sundays collected \$20 - \$40 each month. Our first Muffins for Mites collected \$196.

Mission and Social Ministry

Katie reviewed reports. The Missions committee has not yet discussed starting a new mission. They decided to donate \$500 to the Midwest Food Bank.

Elders

Elders have begun mailing cards to members who have not attended within the past year. The first batch was mailed on September 24.

Vice President

No report.

Pastor's Report

Pastor reported that there were no Official Acts in the past month and discussed his schedule for October.

President

Josh updated the board on our cemetery. The price of burying cremains was raised from \$500 to \$800. Trinity has begun making their annual contribution to the cemetery fund in monthly payments. Immanuel will do the same. Immanuel will begin door offerings to benefit the cemetery fund on the Sundays closest to Memorial Day and Veterans Day. A fundraiser idea was presented to the cemetery board.



October 2026

Bill asked his friend, Mike, "Do you have an estate plan in place?" Mike answered, "I really am not very motivated to get after that task. Our children are far better off financially than we are, and they really don't need the small inheritance we will give them. So why bother?" Bill responded, "What a blessing that your children are so financially secure. But have you ever thought that you have something far more valuable to share with them? All their life, you have pointed them to Jesus. What would you think about summarizing that focus in one final statement that you include in your estate documents?" Mike replied, "I haven't thought about it before. I should have. But that does sound like something I should be doing. I don't want to put that off." Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has some examples of Christian Preambles/Family Blessings. Even a simple worksheet, to get you started on the task of creating your concise statement of faith, as you exhort future generations coming after you to continue walking in the faith, just as you have. For help getting started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org.

SCRIP ORDERS: Are you looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Oct. 12** and will be ready for pick up on **Oct. 18**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. **Order blanks have been revised, so please be sure to use a new one from the table in the hall.** Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The current bank balance is \$48,529. The roofing portion of our project (\$214,200) has been paid to Bash Pepper since the reroofing portion of this project has been completed. Nine of the 11 skylights have been installed, and the final two will be installed soon. We are not sure of the final bill for the project yet since there might have been some additional time and material work done, but it looks like we should have the money for it and our next project which is the reroofing in September of the flat portion of the church wing which was damaged by hail this spring and is now leaking. Research is going on into future projects; if you have any suggestions, please let any of the committee members know.

STEAK FRY

The Capital Fund Committee will be hosting the Steak Fry on Saturday, **October 10**, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. **TICKETS ARE ADVANCED SALE ONLY** and will be on sale starting August 30 after church and during the week in the church office. Meals are \$25 each with an extra steak for \$10. Volunteer and dessert signup sheets will be at the table in the chapel hallway then. Please consider helping in some way; it will take a lot of workers to make a successful event. With the state of the economy, we decided not to raise the price of the tickets even though this is a fundraising event so more people could enjoy the food and fellowship. Unfortunately, the price of rib eye steaks has risen considerably. Last year the cost was about \$1,800 for steaks alone. If there is anyone who would like to consider making a monetary donation to help pay for the steaks this year, it would be greatly appreciated.

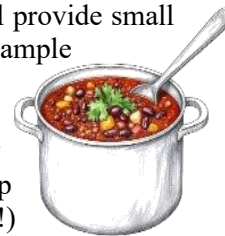


"What distinguishes the Christians is not the ills they suffer, but the way they suffer their ills."

—St. Augustine

WOMEN'S CARE CLINIC IS HIRING: The Women's Care Clinic is seeking a part-time Programs Coordinator/Advocate. This is an opportunity for a Christian woman to use her God-given talents, compassion, and gifts to encourage mothers, support families, and share the love of Jesus in a meaningful way. The position is approximately 25 hours per week, generally Monday through Thursday, with daytime hours and occasional evening or weekend commitments. Responsibilities include coordinating the BRIDGES Motherhood Program, providing one-on-one support and parenting education, connecting families with community resources, and working with volunteers and community partners. Applicants should have a genuine commitment to the sanctity of human life, an active relationship with Jesus Christ, strong organizational and interpersonal skills, compassion for women and families, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. Previous ministry, nonprofit, advocacy, or parenting education experience is preferred but not required. For more information or to inquire about applying, contact the Women's Care Clinic at 217-431-0987 or visit danvillewcc.org.

ILS CHILI COOK-OFF! Do you have a chili recipe that you're especially proud of? Put it to the test at our first School Chili Cook-Off! In conjunction with our Chili Dinner on **Oct. 22**, we're inviting Immanuel members, school families, and friends to enter their favorite chili recipe in a friendly competition. There will be prizes for the winning chili, so bring your best recipe and let the tasting begin! Each contestant only needs to prepare one crockpot of chili. We will provide small tasting cups and spoons so guests can sample the different entries and cast their votes. If you would like to enter, please let us know by October 8 by completing and returning the slip below. We can't wait to see (and taste!) what you cook up!



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Chili Cook-Off

Name: _____

Name Your Chili: _____

CEMETERY: Please remove any spring or summer decorations from the cemetery by **Oct. 1**. Then, save the date for a fall cleanup at our Lutheran Cemetery. We invite you to come on **Oct. 24** and help us with weed eating, raking, and cleaning up from 7 – 10 am.

Please join us for our annual

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 31
3-5 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

1930 N. Bowman Avenue,
Danville, IL 61832

For more information:

Phone: 217-442-5675 or

Email: ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com

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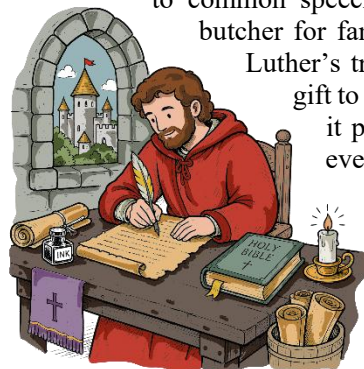
Our Trunk or Treat is sweeter when you're there!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Join us on **Oct. 31** from 3 – 5 pm as we welcome our costumed candy seekers with smiles and sweets! We plan to line up our cars in the parking lot, weather permitting, but we'll move into the gym if it's too cold or rainy. We need your help! You can decorate your car with a Halloween or Fall theme, dress up if you'd like, and hand out candy to the kids as they make their way through. We ask that you sign up on the bulletin board to help us with planning. If you're not able to host a trunk, you can still join in the fun by donating bags of candy for us to share. A donation box is located next to the table in the hallway. Thank you for helping us share the sweetness of the season!

SHARE YOUR GERMAN HERITAGE: The Danville Public Library is hosting a program for children that explores different cultures and heritages, and they recently reached out to us after hearing about our German Dinner. They are looking for someone who would be willing to come and speak briefly about Germany and share a little about German culture and heritage. Nothing formal or complicated is needed—the library will help put the program together with German music, food samples, and other activities. The program will be held **Oct. 14**, at 5:00 pm. If you would be willing to share your knowledge and love of German heritage with the children, please see Kim in the church office. What a wonderful opportunity to share a little of our heritage with the community!

MARTIN LUTHER AND THE BIBLE: Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history. Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony. While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another. Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.





Save the Date

NOVEMBER 10, 2026

*Enjoy a day of holiday shopping,
homemade treats, good food, and
fellowship at*

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1930 N Bowman Avenue

Danville, IL 61832

217-442-5675

Bible Quiz



Psalm 103 (ESV) begins:

"Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his _____."

What should we "not forget"?

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| A. goodness | C. gifts |
| B. kindness | D. benefits |

Answer: D. benefits (Psalm 103:2)

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL: LAMP — In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.



CHARGING FORWARD IN STEWARDSHIP:

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose. There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that. God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith. Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.



"I beg to differ with you...I believe the words the Lord used were 'Humble yourself,' not 'Humiliate yourself.'"



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Camp CILCA Outdoor Ministry
4124 Camp CILCA Road
Cantrell, IL 62625

A Message from...

Pastor Kent Tibben

Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville

The question has often been asked, “Is the Lutheran day school primarily a ministry to the children of our congregations or a mission to the unchurched children of our communities? The answer is, “Yes! Both!” In the Small Catechism, Luther teaches us that the Holy Spirit calls us to faith in Jesus and then keeps us with Him in the true faith—both of which He does “by the Gospel.” The Lutheran day school, where the Gospel enjoys pride of place throughout each school day, is the workshop of the Holy Spirit. In our schools, where the sword of the Spirit is unsheathed, the Spirit is at work calling unbelieving and unbaptized children to both faith and font. Through that same Word, he strengthens baptized and believing children to trust in Jesus more firmly and to love their neighbor more fervently. Please support our schools with your prayers, offerings, and efforts. They provide the Holy Spirit with wonderful opportunities to do what only He can do—call students and their families to faith in Jesus and keep them with Him in the true faith.

Stay Connected!

Central Illinois District Contact Information:

CID’s website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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Prayer Request

Pray for Our CID Missions supported by your church’s contributions to the district.

Our Lord Jesus said, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest.” This month, please remember in your prayers all the students, particularly those from CID, who are studying at our Synod’s colleges and seminaries to be pastors, teachers, and other kinds of church workers—many with the help of scholarship money from CID.

NEW THIS YEAR! You can now support Dollars for



Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District’s mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online. Use this QR Code, or visit:

Fall Events

“Rooted in Christ” CID Jr. High Youth Event

Youth from across CID are invited to gather on Saturday, November 7, for a full day of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth at Camp CILCA. This year’s event carries the theme “Rooted in Christ,” drawn from Colossians 2:6–7, which calls believers to walk in Christ, “rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.”

Registration will open at 8:30 am, with programming running until 4:00 pm. Organizers are planning a day filled with worship, small-group discussion, and recreation, all centered on what it means for young people to grow deep in their faith and stand firm together as a community.

The cost to attend is \$40 per youth, which covers the full day of activities. Adult volunteers attend free of charge, and organizers are encouraging churches to bring chaperones to support their youth groups throughout the day.

Camp CILCA, a longtime retreat and camp facility, offers a peaceful, natural setting well-suited for a day of reflection and connection. Registration is now open — churches and families can sign up using the link below.

Fall Work Day: Saturday, November 7, 2026

The fall Work Day at Camp CILCA will be on Saturday, November 7, 2026. On that day, we will turn the water off and prepare the camp for the winter by doing many chores, including raking leaves, cleaning buildings, moving picnic tables, and moving other items into storage, such as fire extinguishers. We will begin the day at 8:30 am. You are welcome to come anytime. Lunch is provided. Typically, we are finished working after lunch. We hope to see you there! Email director@cilca.org to let us know you are coming.

Scrapbooking Retreat: Nov. 13 – 15, 2026

Cost is \$100 for your shared room and meals. (Private rooms are available upon request for \$130.)





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October 2026

October 4, 2026

***“Whose Church Is It, Anyway?”* by Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Sermon Text: Matthew 21:33-46

The church belongs to Jesus Christ, not us! He alone builds, sustains, and blesses His church through the saving gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Because we are His people by grace, we are freed and empowered to joyfully serve as Christ's presence in the world.

October 11, 2026

***“The Feast is Ready!”* by Rev. Shayne Jonker**

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:2

In Holy Baptism, God clothed you in the wedding garment of Christ's righteousness and gave you a seat at His table at the Great Wedding Feast. That table is set with His Word and His Supper. The feast is ready. Come to the table of the Lord and receive the free forgiveness, life, and salvation Christ has won for you.

October 18, 2026

***“Faith, Hope, Love”* by Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

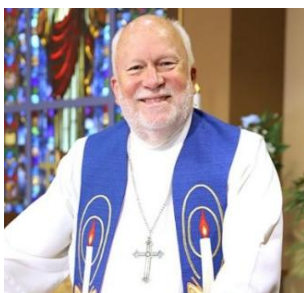
The life of a Christian can be challenging. The apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian Christians with these words, “We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:3 NIV). May Paul's words be an encouragement to us.

October 25, 2026

***“It's Still About Jesus”* by Rev. William Mueller**

Sermon Text: Romans 3:19-28

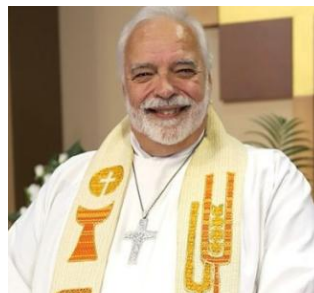
Nine years ago, at the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this phrase was used to accurately capture the essence of the Reformation: “It's still about Jesus.” In the nine years since, this has not changed! Celebrating Reformation Sunday is not an invitation to brag about our heritage or ethnicity; it is a time to hear the clear Word of God and to rejoice. It is still about Jesus!



Rev. Ahlersmeyer



Rev. Jonker



Rev. Shoemaker



Rev. Mueller

Serve the Lord with Gladness

October 2026

Communion Assistants

- 4 Josh Christensen, Allen Julian
- 18 Don DeMoss, Dwain Dixon
- 25 Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull

Ushers

Team "D" – Capt. Jetty Kennett, Chuck Vollmer, Dean and Pam Hull, Paul Teegarden

Lay Readers

- 4 Dwain Dixon
- 11 Carrie Farrell
- 18 Gail & Barb Garner
- 25 Allen Julian

Gospel Reader

- Dwain Dixon
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Gail Gerner
- Allen Julian

Acolytes

- 4 Kendall Wright
- 11 Brooklynn Hunt
- 18 Jamie Yonkers and Owen Price
- 25 Eli Mann

Videographer

- 4 Butch Buesing
- 11 Josh Christensen
- 18 Kim Davis
- 25 Dwain Dixon

Sound/Screens

- Jamie Yonkers
- Don DeMoss
- RJ Davis
- Jan Mann

Children's Church

- 4 Jan Mann
- 18 Jan Mann

Children's Message

- 11 Diana Pratt and Missionary Ashley Lehr
- 25 Sue DeMoss

Immanuel Cares

Katie Yonkers and Jan Mann

Altar Guild

Juanita Rottmann and Pam Van Camp

Money Counters

Judy Creek and Jean Lackey

Check Signers

Mike Ferris and Mary Powell

November 2026

Note: The Thanksgiving Eve service is Nov. 26 at 6:30 pm.

Communion Assistants

- 1 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull
- 15 Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough
- 25 Allen Julian, Don DeMoss
- 29 Dean Hull, Josh Christensen

Ushers

Team "E" – Capt. Denny Hilton, Dave Creek, Glen Natschke, and Mike Ferris.

Lay Readers

- 1 Jan Mann
- 8 Diana Pratt
- 15 Nancy Purviance
- 22 Janet Terry
- 25 Kurt & Debbie T.
- 29 Gail and Barb Garner

Gospel Reader

- Josh Christensen
- Butch Buesing
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Allen Julian
- Kurt Thornsborough
- Gail Garner

Acolytes

- 1 Carley Wright
- 8 Kinley Pratt
- 15 Jamie Yonkers
- 22 Brooklynn Hunt
- 25 Owen Price
- 29 Eli Mann

Videographer

- 1 Dwain Dixon
- 8 Josh Christensen
- 15 Dwain Dixon
- 22 Kim Davis
- 25 No Streaming
- 29 Butch Buesing

Sound/Screens

- Jamie Yonkers
- Don DeMoss
- Butch Buesing
- RJ Davis
- Jamie Yonkers
- Jan Mann

Children's Church

- 1 Jan Mann
- 15 Jan Mann

Children's Message

- 8 Kathy Christensen
- 22 Kurt Thornsborough

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Money Counters

Martha Elliott and Nancy Purviance

Check Signers

Mary Powell and Jo Van Hoveln

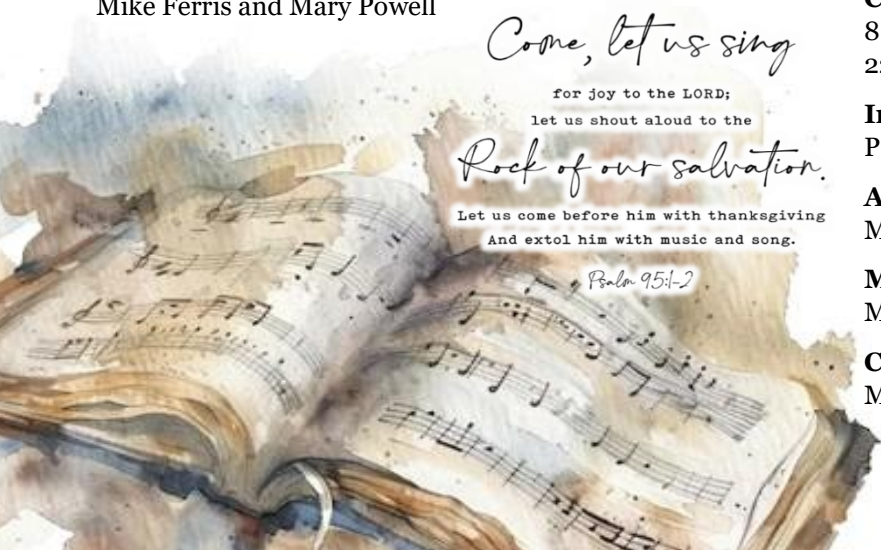
Come, let us sing

for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the

Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
And extol him with music and song.

Psalms 95:1-2



Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

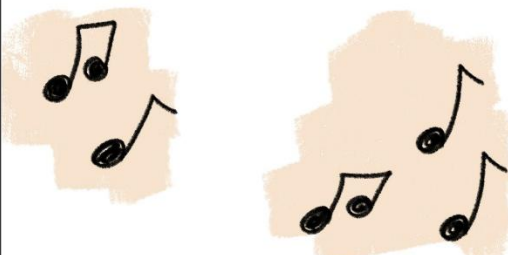
What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!



Puzzle!

NAMES OF GOD

Every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F _____ (Matthew 6:9)

A _____ and O _____ (Revelation 1:8)

I A ____ (Exodus 3:14)

Y _____ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G _____ M _____ H _____ (Genesis 14:19)

G _____ A _____ (Genesis 17:1)

R _____ (Psalm 18:2)

J _____ (Psalm 75:7)

F _____ (Psalm 18:2)

H _____ O _____ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High
God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One

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at 5:00 pm

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WORSHIP
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