

Song of Simeon (sung)

Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

- 1. **O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**
- 2. **All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Hymn 373:1,5

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 13, Nov. 25—30

- Monday Numbers 22-25
- Tuesday Numbers 26-27
- Wednesday Numbers 28-30
- Thursday Numbers 31-40
- Friday Numbers 32
- Saturday Numbers 35-36

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End Time 4 Christ the King

November 21 & 24, 2013

The Church Year ends with the lasting song of triumph for Christ our King. The promise is sure: We will live with him in his kingdom, rejoicing in his goodness and resting in his eternal peace.

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Divine Service II

(page 28 and following in *Christian Worship Supplement*)
Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church. This order is intended to be used when communion is celebrated

Opening Hymn:

Hymn 341

STAND

The Trinitarian invocation expressly reminds the worshippers that the God they will meet here is the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The invocation also calls to mind the words through which believers have been baptized into Christ and made members of his Church.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, life in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Glory Be To God Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

1. **All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**
2. **Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Lamb of God Agnus Dei (sung, page 36 of CWS)

John 1:29

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei) who was offered as a sacrifice once for all sin.

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns: Hymn 715

"What Grace Is This!"

Hymn 737

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

STAND

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

STAND

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

1. **O holy, holy, holy**
Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

2. **Hosanna in the highest!**
How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

3. **O Lamb of God, to you we pray.**
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God’s right hand, your mercy share.

4. **You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;**
The Father’s glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
“All glory be to God!” Amen.

THE WORD

Salutation

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the sacrament section of the service

M: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

First Lesson:

Genesis 49:8-12

Could Jacob have known the full weight of his words? Did Judah see beyond himself and the generations of royalty who would come from him to the Lion of Judah? The royal line to follow would be scarred by idolatry and weakness. The throne of Judah would be toppled and its kings punished at the hands of Judah’s enemies. But the rule of great David’s greater Son will be marked by vengeance on his enemies, the eternal establishment of his rule, and unending prosperity. This is Jesus – our Lord, our Savior, our King.

⁸“Judah, your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons will bow down to you.

⁹You are a lion’s cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.
Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

¹⁰The scepter will not depart from Judah,

nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

¹¹ He will tether his donkey to a vine,
his colt to the choicest branch;
he will wash his garments in wine,
his robes in the blood of grapes.

¹² His eyes will be darker than wine,
his teeth whiter than milk. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 98 (p. 103 of CW)

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:13-20

Our Savior-King has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into his kingdom of light. John clarifies this in the opening chapter of his gospel. Even as the first rays of light burst forth in the opening moments of creation, so the light of Christ has dissipated the darkness of sin that enveloped his perfect world. The darkness neither understood what happened nor could it overpower the light. But those on whom that light shined stand "redeemed, restored, forgiven." (CW 388) Our Light, Our King reigns supreme.

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

Verse of the Day (sung, page 31 CWS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 23

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

Hardly a vision of triumph as the King of the Jews hangs from the cross. Taunted, jeered, and battered, the King of kings offers his life for the very ones that have so abused him and made such sacrifice necessary. Even in the midst of suffering for the sins of the world, the promise comes to the repentant heart that longs to be remembered in his kingdom: "...you will be with me in paradise." See our king: suffering, dying, forgiving, redeeming.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 392

"Not unto Us"

Sermon

The Promises of End Time

"...you will be with me in paradise"

Colossians 1:13-20

STAND

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 fully 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 worshipped 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.

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Announcements

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. The Discussion Guide for December is now available in the church basement and on the radiator to the right of the double doors in church.

Justification Bible Study This Tuesday, we will begin study 2 on Justification. This study is based on part two of the paper, *Justification: In Mission and Ministry*. If you are planning to come to the study, please pick up the paper and the study ahead of time and read through them. If you can't join us for the study, please pick up copies of the paper and the study and challenge yourself by reading through them.

Thanksgiving Worship *Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving* is the theme of this year's Thanksgiving worship. We will look at the things that lead us to offer thanks to God as we worship together and as we worship him by our daily lives. We will worship on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Promises Made Advent This year our Sunday Advent worship will focus on *Promises Made*. Each week we look at a different promise to help us prepare to celebrate the upcoming festival of Christmas. The weekly themes are:
Promises Made: God's Kingdom is coming
Promises Made: God's Kingdom is worth waiting for

Promises Made: God's kingdom gives us strength and courage

Promises Made: God's kingdom will come through the child Immanuel

Join us and bring a friend!

Midweek Advent Worship The theme of this year's midweek worship is: *Zion at Your Shining Gates*. The weekly themes are:

Dec. 4 Zion At Your Shining Gates is your King
Dec. 11 Zion At Your Shining Gates is your Ultimate Sacrifice

Dec. 18 Zion At Your Shining Gates is your Peace
We will worship on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring a friend!

Adult Christ Light will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

Original Math Forget "new" math; "original" math is life changing! God, the first Mathematician and Creator of all things, uses numbers—threes, tens, forties, and more—to demonstrate his design for creation and redemption through the work of Jesus on the cross. Join us at our new Sunday morning study in the commons next week as we explore the symbolism and patterns of the numbers God uses to convey the truth of his love through these topics:

- The Counting God
- 3-in-1: The Number of God
- 2 & 4: Creation Counted
- 5 & 10: Keys to God's Word
- 7 & 12: Numbers in Revelation
- 40 & 8: A Generation of Mercy and the New Creation.

We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Join us and bring the family!

To All Members (men & women) of our congregation. As of January 1 our Ladies Aid as we know it today will no longer exist. In your mailboxes you will find a letter. Please take time to read it and fill out the information and return it to the baskets in the church basement by December 15. If you have any questions please contact Mary Laabs or Janice Kuchenbecker.

Sign Up Sheets for hot lunch on Dec. 6 are in the church basement. Thanks for your help!

Help Needed We need people willing to usher in the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are willing to serve the Lord and his people in this way please speak to Steven Laabs or Glenn Laabs. We are also having more difficulty finding people willing to usher at any service. Please consider committing to serving the Lord and his people in this way for a month at a time. Smiling and greeting worshippers is a great way to serve our Savior!

Christmas Cards are available by the kitchen in the basement.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Justification Bible Study, church
Wednesday	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church
	9:15 a.m.	Numbers in Scripture , commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

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Monday	Numbers 22-25
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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship:	385 (47, 156, 182)
Bible Study:	67 (21, 19, 16, 11)
Youth Study:	22

Getting Older Does Have Benefits

Every year older we get we are closer to the time we will be with the Lord in heaven. When we reach the threshold age of 70.5 years we are eligible for another benefit. It is at that time, at least for 2013, that people at that age and above can make tax-free distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts(IRAs) for charitable purposes.

Normally the required minimum distributions(RMD) are considered taxable income. Uncle Sam let you put money into your IRA without paying taxes on it with the understanding you would pay tax when you take the money out in retirement. Any gift made directly to a charity is exempt from this tax. This offers some wonderful opportunities for supporting the Lord's work here at Immanuel, perhaps

even a special gift to the Endowment Fund.

Let's say, however, you would like to use some of that tax-free money for your regular church offerings, special gifts to Lutheran High, or other WELS related ministries. There are some creative ways of doing this that may almost seem too good to be true. If you would like information about this tax-wise giving option contact one of our District's WELS Christian Giving Counselors, either denis.kleist@wels.net (deferred gifts) – 920-740-5899, or da-vid.waage@wels.net (current gifts) -920-482-0906, or cell: 612-716-2749.

National WELS Choral Fest

From Nov. 8-10, Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wis., hosted 20 other WELS high schools for the 2013 National Choral Festival. The weekend's theme was "The Lord is our strength and our song."

The festival's pops concert was held on Fri., Nov. 8. Each choral group performed a different musical selection, many of which included choreography and costumes.

On Sun., Nov. 10, about 1,000 people attended the festival's sacred concert in person, while about 1,100 enjoyed the live streaming of the concert online. The sacred concert included four mass choir numbers performed by the 454 teens who participated in this year's choral festival. The schools were also divided into three smaller choirs, which performed musical selections conducted by three guest clinicians. The concert ended with a moving rendition of "In Christ Alone" that included an interlude from "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

"I couldn't think of a better way to end the sacred concert," says Mr. Jim Buege, choir director of Lakeside Lutheran High School and organizer of this year's choral festival. "The text and music are so moving. That particular arrangement with the orchestra, soloists, and so on was just a wonderful way to end the concert. For me, after watching the preparation for 11 months, it was very emotional to listen to the piece and attempt to sing along on the last verse."

The 2014 regional choral festivals will be hosted by Michigan Lutheran High School, St. Joseph, Mich. (Nov. 7-9) and Great Plains Lutheran High School, Watertown, S.D. (Nov. 14-16).

To view photos from this year's festival or to order a downloadable album of the sacred concert, visit www.llhs.org/2013WELSchoralfest.html.

News from Around the WELS

England Trip Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him and fellow WELS members on an eleven day tour to England and Scotland. The tour dates are July 14-24, 2014. Space is limited. For a brochure e-mail JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055.

The annual Christmas Concert at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the seminary auditorium. The 50-voice Seminary Chorus will present anthems and hymns accompanied by organ, piano, and instruments. For more info, go to the seminary's website, www.wls.wels.net.

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