



— ALL SAINTS DAY —
These Are They

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
November 2 –5, 2023

Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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People made Holy Worship Their Holy God

(All Saints Day)

8:00 am – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *(Imm School 2nd grade)*

Our Opening Song – “Forever with the Lord” *(CW93 213:1-2, 5-6)*

Our Opening Prayer

PASTOR: Almighty Father in heaven, we ask you to teach us about these last times;

CONG: As we wait and watch and work, help us to cling to your truth as we focus on Jesus, our Savior.

Bless this hour together and assure us of your loving kindness; teach us the truth about “the last days” and then, for Jesus’ sake...

...give us a glimpse of your glory and a foretaste of our home in heaven.

As we prepare our own hearts for the Last Day, hear our confession and our plea for your mercy and forgiveness:

Lord God, heavenly Father, my life is a constant struggle within. The good that I want to do, I don’t do; and the evil I wish to avoid, I keep on doing. Because of this, I am troubled with guilt and shame. When I try to justify my sin or make up for it, I find no peace or comfort. Therefore, I come to you in humility. Lord, only you can erase my sin and guilt; only you can calm my troubled heart. Forgive me – for Jesus’ sake.

(tune: CW 488)

(sung) **O Christ you died and yet you live; to me account your merit,
My pardon seal, my sins forgive, and cleanse me by your Spirit.
Beneath your cross I view the day – when heav’n and earth shall
pass away, And thus prepare to meet you!**

Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven to do the will of him who sent me. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” Dear Christian Friends: God our Father has heard our prayer and forgiven

all our sins all for the sake of Jesus. Go in peace!

(John 6)

Amen!

(sung) **My Savior paid the debt I owe – and for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know – my name has now been written!
I will not doubt for I am free – and Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**

(Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust, saying, ‘Return to dust, you mortals.’

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep people away in the sleep of death;

The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength;

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,

that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days!

(sung) **O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way – in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently; come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev’ry evil. Amen!**

God’s Word for our Hearts – Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Song of Praise – “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

(CW 883:1-2)

Today’s Message from our Loving God – Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. ¹³ One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?” And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

¹⁴ And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Things I’d like to remember this week...

Behold! A Host, Arrayed in White

- 1. How we will join them*
- 2. What we will enjoy with them*

Song of Praise – “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

(CW 883:3)

Our Thank Offerings

I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;

I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is good. (Psalm 54)



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Our Prayers

Dear Father, as we live in these “end times” we confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us into your eternal family – we are fit for heaven by the blood and righteousness of your Son, Jesus;

Our comfort and our trust for salvation is in you alone, dear Savior!

Around us we see the growing “birth pains” of the last days: war, natural disasters, false prophets and spiritual apathy.

Use these signs to remind us to be spiritually ready; our final day can come at any time, although we do not know the day or the hour.

Therefore, keep us faithful to your promises; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared.

Make us also faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the “Lamb’s Book of Life,” strong in faith and faithfully serving to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus. We long to be at home with you forever – Amen!

The Lord’s Supper

PASTOR: It is always good to give thanks to you, Heavenly Father, for Jesus our Savior and all other blessings. In grace, you will preserve your Church to until the Last Day when you will gather all your people and take us into glory. Therefore, with all the

SAINTS on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

(Sanctus – Is. 6:3; Mt. 21:9)

(sung) **O holy, holy, holy – Lord God of pow’r and might,** *(tune: CW 855)*
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.

Jesus Words instituting his supper: 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.”

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world – *(Agnus Dei – Jn. 1:29)*

Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen!

God’s Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual danger of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don’t want to see anyone’s faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied with us or spoken with our pastor first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask our pastor if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

The Distribution – *following our musician’s lead, the congregation is invited to sing*

“Jerusalem the Golden” *(CW 890)*

“Who Knows When Death” *(CW93 210)*

Our Thanksgiving

(Nunc Dimittis – Lk. 2:29-32)

(sung) **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!

**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!**

(we pray) We give you thanks, Father, for this foretaste of your heavenly banquet that you have given us in your Word and Sacrament today. Through your gospel you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. We praise you for making us your SAINTS and heirs! Now help us to fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs we can, and serve you and those around us with love and generosity.

Bless our week as we thankfully live to honor you in every way. We ask this all in Jesus' name – Amen!

God's Closing Words – 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

God's Closing Blessing

Our Closing Song – “Let All Together Praise Our God”

(CW 355:1,4-6)

Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Dear Father, many thanks to your Spirit for calling me to faith through your powerful gospel. Through your Son's holy life you have declared me your SAINT forever. Before I am raised, I desire to serve you with a life of selflessness, so make me bold to share your Word with others that many more will one day praise your name eternally. Amen!

Musician: Andrea Dolan

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Bowe