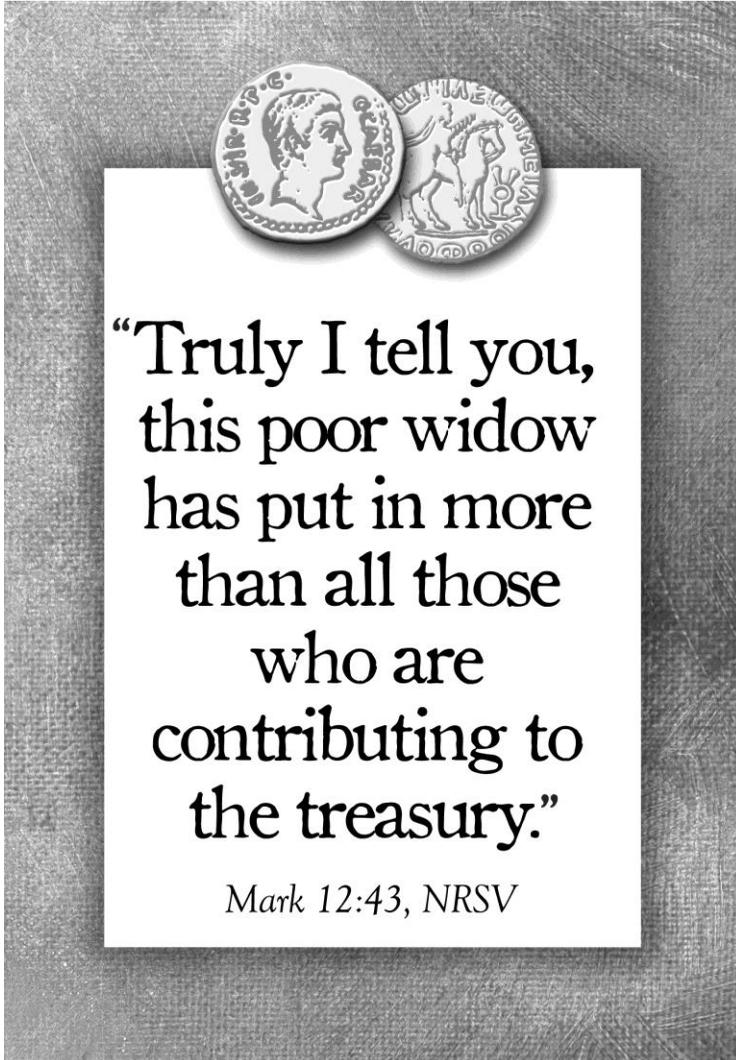


**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



**Excel in the Grace of Giving**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | November 8 & 11, 2018

**THURSDAY & SUNDAY (8am)**

## WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Immanuel you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** *Grace*. It's an important word. Grace is the unmerited favor, the undeserved love and kindness, that our God has shown and continues to show to us sinners. Grace sent Jesus to the manger, the cross and the tomb in our place. In grace God still provides all that we need for body and soul. It shouldn't surprise us then that the Apostle Paul calls giving an act of grace. God's grace is a giving grace. He gave us his Son. He gives us every other blessing. This grace moves Christians to be gracious – to freely, gladly give everything, including material goods, back to the Lord. Our offerings are much more than bills and coins, checks and automatic withdrawals. They are part of our worship, motivated by God's grace.

## FOR VISITORS

- **Friendship Register:** Please fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.
- **Cell Phones:** Out of respect for our Lord and your fellow worshipers, please silence your cell phone.
- **Restrooms:** The main restrooms are located in the Gathering Room near the coatrack.
- **Offering:** Please do not feel obligated to contribute when the offering plates are passed. We understand that you may want to know more about Immanuel's ministry before you support it with your gifts. However, if you are moved to give, you are welcome to do so.
- **Information:** The media counter is located in the Gathering Room. Here you will find magazines, brochures, devotional booklets and children's bulletins (printed on announcement sheet).
- **Contact:** Our pastor and principal are always happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them (contact info on announcement sheet).
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# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

**HYMN 234** (*red hymnal*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## STAND

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score consists of seven lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line ends with a double bar line.

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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good

gifts; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*BE SEATED*



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Kings 17:8-16 | NIV

Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup> “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” <sup>12</sup> “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day

the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ” <sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*Thu*)

Psalm 146 | p. 120 (*red hymnal*)

**ENSEMBLE** (*Sun*)

Psalm 146

**SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 | NIV

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.

<sup>5</sup> And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you —see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Galatians 2:20 | RSV

Alleluia. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*STAND*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 12:38-44 | NIV

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.<sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.<sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.<sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

**After the Gospel, the congregation sings:**



**BE SEATED**

**HYMN 485** (*red hymnal*)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

**SERMON**

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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**STAND**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING / WELS CONNECTION**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

*STAND*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 469** *(red hymnal)*

Take My Life and Let It Be

*STAND*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 489** (*red hymnal*)

Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

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**Refreshments:** Tim & Joanne Kaiser and Jen Sims

**Greeters:** 8:00 AM – Don Salveson

10:30 AM – Karen Kehl