



**This Jesus is the stone
that was rejected
by you, the builders,
which has become the
CORNERSTONE.**

Acts 4:11, ESV

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Welcome to Worship

In the event of a fire, it's important to seek out the exit signs that will guide you safely out of the building. Not every door leads to safety, which is why these signs are critical for your survival. Likewise, when it comes to spirituality, not all paths lead to God. As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). This message is echoed in the sermon text for today, where Peter emphasizes that "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), referring to the name of Jesus. Today, we celebrate the power of Jesus' name to save us and lead us to eternal life.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

339 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** 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.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:14-24

P The LORD is my strength and song,

C And He has become my salvation.

P The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous;

C The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

P The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

C The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

P I shall not die, but live,

C And declare the works of the LORD.

P The LORD has chastened me severely,

C But He has not given me over to death.

P Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

P This is the gate of the LORD,

C Through which the righteous shall enter.

P I will praise You, For You have answered me,

C And have become my salvation.

- P** The stone which the builders rejected
- C** **Has become the chief cornerstone.**
- P** This was the LORD's doing;
- C** **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
- P** This is the day the LORD has made;
- C** **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-11

¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

364 – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Sermon Text

Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



Sermon

Only the Name of Jesus Saves

I. A Truth to Believe

II. A Truth to Practice

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

473 (1-2, 4-5) – The Church's One Foundation

Offering

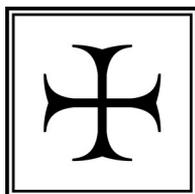
Offering Hymn

TLH 441 sts. 1-2

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayer of the Church



The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

The musical score is written on four staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
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Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

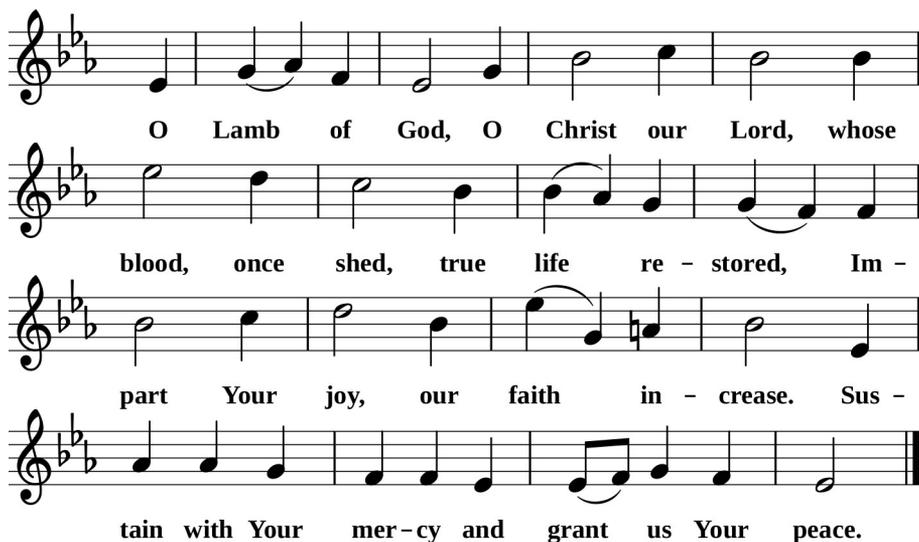
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

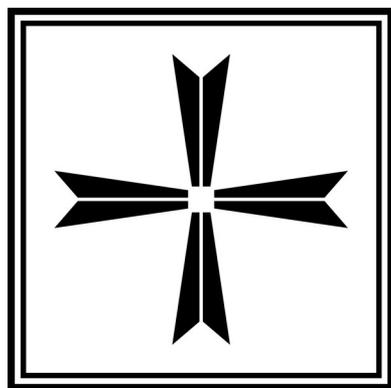


O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through
cho - sen Is - ra - el.
all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



Thanksgiving

My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

465 – Christ Is Our Corner-Stone

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

May 7	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Board of Education and Elders
May 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
May 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

New Opportunity in Uganda: The Kinship Committee and CLC Board of Missions has taken on a new and exciting opportunity—supporting a group of twenty orphans in Iganga, Uganda. Pastor Daniel Mugeni and his wife, Aidah, have taken on the task of caring for these orphans, and the financial burden on them is substantial. Pastors Gurath and Bernthal were able to spend time with the Mugeni family in July of 2022 and saw firsthand both their genuine love for these children and their genuine need for financial assistance. Please consider becoming a sponsor of one of these children. The commitment is \$45/mo. Kinship is also in need of sponsors for seminary students throughout the world. The financial commitment required to support overseas seminary students is similar, ranging from \$30 to \$50/mo. To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact Dan Roehl at 507-381-2042 or danroehl@hotmail.com.

Concluding Activities at Immanuel: Friday, May 19, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 p.m. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 20, there will be the concluding graduation worship service at 10 a.m. at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

Christ's Explorers Camp: Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp July 20th - 23rd in Sevierville, TN. Camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. The cost is \$100 per camper. This year's theme is "Guiding Lights" with the theme passage being Psalm 119:105. The devotions and Bible studies will focus on how Jesus and His Word help us to overcome the darkness and confusion of the sinful world around us. Slots still available! You may register at christsexplorerscamp.com.

Pacific Coast Women's Retreat: Grow in Grace October 6-8, 2023 in Cusick, WA! We welcome all girls and women to our retreat in the beautiful Pacific Northwest! Planes, trains, and automobiles will bring you to Spokane, and then we'll lead you an hour-ish north to the Ponderosa Lodge. "Stay in the Know" by signing up on the Gethsemane Lutheran Church website for periodic updates. <https://gethsemaneclc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat/> Questions? Contact Tina Eichstadt, teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.

CLC Call News: Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to be the upper grade teacher at Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI <> Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht has accepted the call from the dual parish of Redemption Lutheran of Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran of Tacoma, WA to serve as their pastor. <> Teacher graduate Stephen Krause has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach in their school.

Fruits of Faith – April 30, 2023 – WH – 33	
Immanuel Home	\$1,040.25
Building	\$100.00
Property Improvement	\$50.00
Total Offering	\$1,190.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (5/13): Naumann

Acolyte (5/14): Seth Bernthal



Coordinating Council Summary—Spring 2023

The CLC Coordinating Council met on April 19.

This is only a summary of the board reports. Please read the full Coordinating Council report available from your pastor and online at www.clclutheran.net.

President (Pastor Michael Wilke)

We thank the Lord for **Pastor Michael Eichstadt's faithful service** to the Lord as the CLC president. We so much appreciated his encouraging Gospel spirit, and are very thankful for the steady hand of leadership he provided the CLC over the past eleven years. . . . We thank the Lord that **Pastor Delwyn Maas has accepted the appointment** as the CLC's new Vice President. . . . We are thankful that our **ILC teacher training program will graduate two students** this Spring: Stephen Krause and Danielle Gamble; and our **seminary will graduate one student**: Jonah Albrecht. We continue to pray that the Lord leads our CLC young people to pursue a calling into the public ministry. . . . The **overall financial condition of the CLC** has been blessed . . . Let us all remember the CLC General Fund, which supports so much of our shared Gospel ministry and is in deficit.

Board of Doctrine (Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck, chair)

The 2022 CLC Convention directed our **upcoming General Pastoral Conference to study** part one of the Joint Committee/Board of Doctrine Convention report and the Board of Doctrine's "What Scripture Teaches Regarding Admonition and Termination of Fellowship" — these are available in the 2022 CLC Convention *Prospectus*. In addition, "A Study of Selective Fellowship and Close Communion" will also be presented. The materials for this study will be sent out in advance. At his request, the **colloquy process** with Mr. Philip "Tony" Bolen of Aberdeen, SD has been temporarily delayed.

Board of Education and Publications (Pastor David Naumann, chair)

The 2022 CLC Convention resolved that a **Committee for Domestic Christian Day Schools** be appointed to assist the board in the work of exploring and developing a new program for the establishment of new Christian Day Schools. That committee is being formed. . . . The 2022 CLC Convention also resolved to establish a **Fund for Christian Education** for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools. That fund has been created and named the "EduK8 Fund." The fund has a current balance of more than \$26,000. . . . The members of **Mt. Zion Lutheran Church** in Detroit, MI, have voted to start a school and have requested help from the newly established School Committee. . . . **A Catechism Committee** has begun working on a update/revision of the Sydow Catechism and workbook. . . . The board is advancing with a project, "Teach Them To Observe All Things," a Christian Doctrine Curriculum. It is a website created to provide a year-long course to help children understand the teachings of Christianity using Bible lessons: <https://sites.google.com/view/teachthemtoobserveallthings/> . . . The **CLC Webmaster's report** is included in the board's full report.

Board of Missions (Mr. Joel Krafft, chair)

We give thanks to the Lord for enabling **two domestic mission congregations to become self-supporting**. Mt. Zion (Detroit area) and Ascension (Tacoma, WA). The Board of Missions continues to **subsidize the work of two domestic congregations: Living Hope** (Appleton, WI) – Living Hope has been discussing finding a new facility and potentially starting a school. [Membership: 26 communicants, 17 children—43 total members] and **Zion** (Atlanta, GA area) – Over the past few years Zion has run into several problems with their 17-acre property. They have put the property on the market to sell it, with the hope of relocating to a more feasible location. [Membership: 17 communicants, 1 child—18 total members]

The **Committee on Domestic Fields** (CDF) is preparing an outreach presentation which will be made available to CLC congregations by this fall . . .The **Traveling Vacation Bible School** (TVBS) committee has finalized the list of trips for this summer. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information, please go to the TVBS website: <http://www.clctvbs.org/tvbs>. . . Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu of **Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church** (GELC - Liberia) has had meetings with an independent pastor and church leaders who formerly were with a Methodist church, and now other churches are also asking for additional information. . .The **Nigeria Church of the Lutheran Confession** (NCLC) has had several changes in leadership over the past few years. With new leadership, enrollment at the seminary has increased from one to ten full-time students in the five-year program. . . . The work in **Zambia** has faced several challenges over the past few years. Pandemic restrictions and fears brought much of the outreach and pastoral training efforts to a halt. The ZCLC has begun outreach in many rural communities where ZCLC members and evangelists have settled. The ZCLC continues the organizational work of church registration with the government, which is necessary since the Zambian government is trying to crack down on corrupt individuals who use the ministry for personal gain. . . Pastor Monotosh of the **Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission** (BLCM) is actively reaching out to the marginalized Hindu population in rural Bangladesh through robust outreach programs, resulting in multiple baptisms and the establishment of new preaching stations. . .Pastor Kham (**Church of the Lutheran Confession of Myanmar** (CLCM) in Chin State), along with Ivan and Sam Edwards (**National Lutheran Church of Myanmar** (NLC) in Yangon) report that Myanmar has been struggling under the harsh rule of the military junta since the coup two years ago, causing pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. Our brothers and sisters in the CLCM in rural Chin State are finding it difficult to provide for their families, with over two million people displaced since February 2021. Large gatherings are forbidden and quickly dispersed, so most evangelism efforts consist of small groups and in-home visits. . . **Much more information on these mission fields and many more** is available in the full report. **Mission Helper Trip to Nepal**: Eleven volunteers and two coordinators are making plans to travel to Nepal at the end of June for a three-week Child Evangelism trip.

Immanuel Lutheran College Board of Regents (Pastor John Hein, chair)

Enrollment

High School			College								Seminary			
Class	2022-23	2023-24	Class	2022-23	2023-24	AA 2022-23	AA 2023-24	BS 2022-23	BS 2023-24	BA 2022-23	BA 2023-24	Class	2022-23	2023-24
Fresh.	28	28	Fresh.	9	9	0	1	7	4	2	4			
Soph.	23	30	Soph.	6	9	3	0	3	7	0	2	Junior	0	0
Junior	25	23	Junior	2	3			1	3	1	0	Middler	1	0
Senior	20	25	Senior	3	1			3	0	0	1	Senior	1	1
Part-Time			Special	0	0									
			Online	2	2									
TOTAL	96	106		22	24	3	1	14	14	3	7		2	1
TOTAL FULL-TIME	96	106		20	22	3	1	14	14	3	7		2	1

Notes: AA – Associate of Arts / BS – Bachelor of Science in Education / BA – Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Theological Studies. There is also a program called *Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies*, with no students currently enrolled.

The Board of Regents has made the following **appointments** (new term is through May 2025): Prof. Joel Gullerud, High School Principal; Prof. Mark Weis, Dean of Students; Prof. Joseph Lau, Assistant to the Dean of Students; Prof. Paul Naumann, Academic Dean, Prof. John Ude, Seminary Dean. . . Our **counseling program**, which is now in its third year, has shown to be a great blessing to the student body. We thank Steve Sydow and April Sydow for serving the Lord in this manner. Their schedule ensures that one of them is present each day throughout the week. . . . For a number of years, Marshfield Clinic has been providing trainers at athletic events to Immanuel and other local high schools at no cost. Unfortunately, they will no longer be able to provide this service for free, and the cost of continuing it is prohibitive . . . Our **dual-credit offerings** for the 2023-24 school year will be Science 101 in the fall semester and Psychology 102 in the spring semester. These courses allow our students to fulfill high school electives while also gaining credit for college courses.

Student Costs for 2023-2024 School Year:

- High school tuition increases \$200 to \$4,400 per year
- College tuition Increases \$200 to \$6,200 per year
- Seminary tuition increases \$200 to \$4,500 per year
- Room & board remains \$3,500 per year; Activity fees remain unchanged (\$600 high school, \$200 college/seminary)

Note: Increasing SAF and PMPE assistance helps offset the tuition increases.

Board of Trustees (Mr. Tom Lentz, chair)

The year-to-date **General Fund deficit** is \$158,076, which is historically high. The Reserve Fund will be used if the General Fund ends the year in a deficit. . . The FY 24 **Trustees' budget** includes a 5% increase to Old Retirement Plan payments. The total payout under the Old Retirement Plan continues to decline. Travel expenses have been increased slightly to reflect current reimbursements and rising costs. . . Given the current inflation environment, the proposed FY24 budget includes a **salary increase** of the anticipated cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 5% or \$149 per month. This would result in a proposed Tier 1 base salary of \$3,128 (\$4,128 Tier 2). The 5.0% increase reflects the most current inflation data available. The Board of Trustees is not recommending an additional monthly increase for FY24 beyond the cost of living adjustment. . . **The standard Retirement Plan contribution** was increased by \$10 per month in 2023 to \$220 per month. No further increases are planned. . .The CPB Offerings need in the FY24 Budget is an 8.7% decrease from the numbers in last fall's preliminary budget. . .The Trustees are working to develop an **ongoing compensation plan** as directed by the 2022 Convention. . . We anticipate **stock market volatility** so we are maintaining larger checking account balances and not moving excess CEF funds into our CLC Pooled investment account. . .We are studying the **possible sale of excess land**, as directed by the 2022 Convention.

General Fund Budget

	Fiscal Year	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Receipts	Actual	Actual			Adopted
CBP Estimates	886,000	925,000	952,700	980,000	
CBP Offerings	913,938	985,689	1,279,680	1,191,682	
Special Offerings & Recpts	84,827	63,576	0	0	
Reserves Used / (Surplus)	38,805	98,670	0	0	
ILC Revenue / Budget	715,544	784,915	786,280	938,200	
Total	1,753,114	1,932,850	2,065,960	2,129,882	
Spending					
Extra Budgetary	40	0	0	0	
Education - Total	14,245	9,182	15,000	15,000	
Trustees - Total	70,316	81,265	72,840	70,562	
Missions - Total	347,299	385,920	426,120	406,008	
Regents - Gen Fund Subs..	605,669	671,568	765,720	700,112	
Regents - Student Revenue	715,544	784,915	786,280	938,200	
Total	1,753,113	1,932,850	2,065,960	2,129,882	
Year End Reserves	300,222	190,153			

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 8 - May 13, 2023

Monday: John 6:60-65 – Having fed 5,000 with five barley loaves and two small fish, sustaining them for a while, Jesus pointed to this as a sign that He is the true Bread from heaven, who would sustain them eternally by His word. Many murmured. To believe that He was from heaven required heavenly persuasion (v. 65).

Tuesday: John 6:66-69 – When many were walking away from Jesus, Simon Peter speaks for the twelve, who have come to know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. They would not walk away from Him who has the words of eternal life (v. 68).

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 – Paul writes to Timothy from prison, but God’s word cannot be imprisoned! The grave could not hold the Word made flesh (cp. Jn 1:14), nor will it be able to hold those who died and live with Him by faith.

Thursday: Psalm 98:1-3 – Let every new day bring a new song to the Lord, for salvation and life are His doing. Righteousness, steadfast love, and faithfulness are all His gifts unto the ends of the earth!

Friday: Psalm 98:4-6 – Resurrection praises may be sung by voices, stringed instruments, brass instruments and horns, because true praises to the Lord all come from the heart that sees Him as King and Savior!

Saturday: Psalm 98:7-9 – The praises of Him who saved us from the judgment for our sins extend to all the earth! The sea and everything in it, the world and those who dwell in it, the rivers and hills – because of Christ, who died and rose again, all can rejoice and sing, “Joy to the world! The Lord is come!”

