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First Immanuel Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Mission:

In response to God, who first reached down to us—the mission of First Immanuel Lutheran Church is to reach up to God, reach into each other and reach out to the world.

Why Worship Happens

What usually comes to mind when we think of worship is gathering in the Lord’s house to offer Him our thanks and praise. We see worship in the songs we sing, the prayers we raise and the offerings we gather. We view worship as what we do for God in His sanctuary. Yes, this is worship, but it is the second part of worship.

The first and primary function of worship is found in what God does for us. We worship each week not because God needs what we can give Him. We worship each week because we need what only God can give us. We open every worship service by confessing our sins and hearing God’s gracious words of mercy and forgiveness that come through the cross and empty tomb. Forgiveness is life—today and eternally. We hear God’s Word read and we expound upon it through the sermon. Paul reminds us that the Gospel message of Jesus’ work on our behalf is the Lord’s power unto salvation for all who believe (Romans 1:16). We come to feed that God-given faith each time we approach the Lord’s Table and receive His true Body and Blood, in and with the bread and wine.

Our prayers and praise are simply a response to all that God does for us in His sanctuary and in our daily lives and relationships. We thank Him for sin forgiven, for life renewed and for life eternal.

Part of our First Immanuel mission statement says we “reach up to God” in worship. In this month’s edition of our newsletter you will read how each of our ministries is providing opportunities for us to worship within the walls of the sanctuary and outside the walls as we take our faith into our relationships and into the world. St. Paul reminds us of our call to worship when he says, “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship (Romans 12:1).

See you in worship!

Pastor Raasch



Advent Sermon Series ~ Moving In

MOVING IN

We can feel abandoned by God, left to fend for ourselves in a broken world. Especially as the days get colder and the nights grow longer, we can wonder what in the world God is up to. But through powerful images and metaphors, God has communicated to the Church an amazing plan. God is “moving in.” Eugene Peterson, in the Message translation of the Bible, puts John 1:14 this way, “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.” God’s plan, straight through all of Scripture, has been to move into the lives of God’s people. More than that, God has chosen to use us to continue moving in the world. Come on weekends and to special midweek services to hear about how God is MOVING IN, with sermons based on:

BRANCHES

11/27-28: God is branching out (Jeremiah 33:14-16)
12/1: We are branching out

FIRE

12/4-5: God is a purifying fire (Malachi 3:1-7)
12/8: We are fanning into flame

SONG

12/11-12: God is singing over us (Zephaniah 3:14-20)
12/15: We are God’s song

BATTLE

12/18-19: God fights the battle (Micah 5:1-5)
12/22: We lead the charge

MOVING IN

Christmas Eve: God is moving in (John 1:1-14)
Christmas Day: We are moving out (Luke 2:1-20)



FIRST IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve First Immanuel

- 1:00 pm Contemporary
- 2:30* & 4:30 pm Traditional
- 11:00* pm Candlelight

Christmas Eve River of Life

- 1:00 pm Traditional
- 2:30 & 4:30* pm
Contemporary

Christmas Day First Immanuel

- 9:00* am

Christmas Day River of Life

- 9:00 am

*Worship Livestreamed

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Christmas Eve firstmin.church
4:19 @ firstmin.church**

**Live & On-Demand Anytime After That

December Christmas Appeal

The Concordia
Bible Institute
Saleska
Scholarship
Endowment



The Rev. Dr. John Saleska founded the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) back in 2000 after retiring from his 23-year faculty position at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the summer of 2014 he retired a second time, as it were, by becoming the Director Emeritus of CBI, even as he maintained an office on campus and still came to work early every morning with briefcase in hand. Dr. Saleska then received his heavenly inheritance on September 12, 2017.

In honor of his legacy of teaching “Christ in Every Word” among us, CBI has established “**The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment**,” whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska’s lifelong conviction of teaching “Christ in Every Word” as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.

If you would like to contribute to this important appeal, make checks payable to “CUW Foundation,” with “Saleska Scholarship Endowment” on the memo line. Place it in the special green Mission of the Month envelope and drop it in the offering.

To find out more about Dr. Saleska’s legacy, please visit concordiabible.org/saleska/

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

~ Communion Schedule ~

First Immanuel (FIL): On 1st and 3rd Sunday, Communion is at 5:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:35am

River of Life (ROL): Every Sunday (not 5th Sundays), Communion is at 8:00 am , On 1st and 3rd Sunday, Communion is at 9:30 am, and 10:45am

<p>KIDMIN: At First Immanuel during the 9:00am and 10:35am worship services. At River of Life during the 9:30am and 10:45am worship services.</p>			<p>1 9:00am Adult Bible Study (FIL) 11:00am & 6:30pm Advent Traditional Worship (FIL) 5:30pm Faith Education 7:00pm Disciple First Cohort</p>	<p>2 8:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting 9:00am Mom to Mom 6:30pm Men's Basketball</p>	<p>3 6:00am Breakfast Bible Study (FIL) 12:05pm Bible Study Live (online)</p>	<p>4 7:30am Men's Bible Study (FIL) 10:30am Early Childhood Christmas Program (FIL) 5:00pm Traditional Worship</p>
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Ladies Aid

Our Christmas meeting will be held at Flip Side Restaurant in Grafton. We will order off the menu and pay for our own meal. If you didn't sign up at our November meeting and would like to come, please call Martha to reserve your space. We will meet at Noon on December 7th. Looking ahead to the January meeting we will have one of our Pastors come and visit. Have a blessed Christmas.

LWML

At our December meeting, after a brief meeting and refreshments, we will join together to prepare our Christmas Cheer bags.

Items for members to bring are:

- 2 Christmas bags
- oranges
- apples
- breads
- cookies or candies

We will begin at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at FIL campus. Members and guests are encouraged to join us in this Christmas activity.



Stephen Ministry

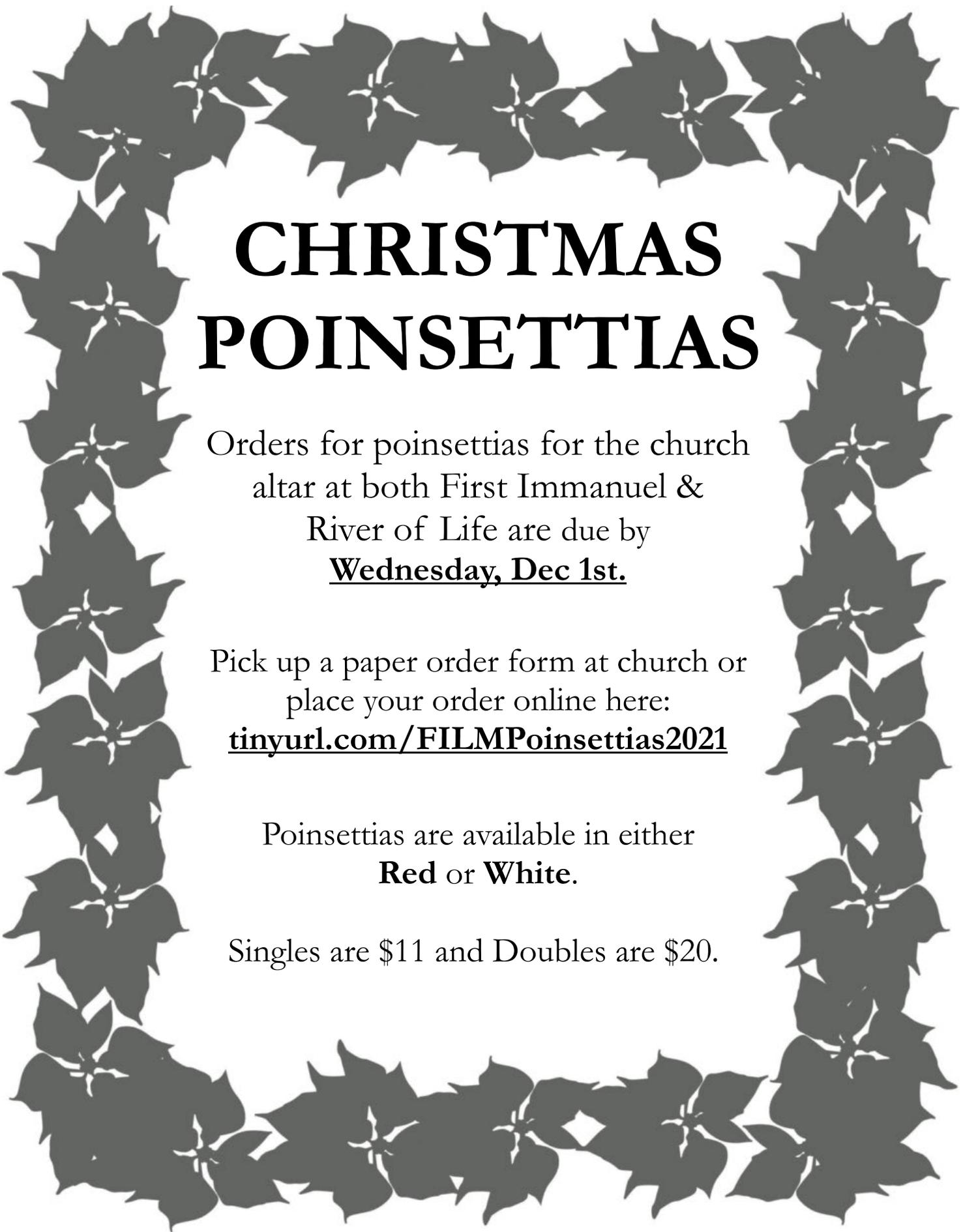
Is the Holy Spirit Moving You to do Something More?

Prayerfully consider
becoming a
Stephen Minister

Training classes
begin this January

Contact Pastor
Reichmann at
377-6610 for more
information





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Orders for poinsettias for the church
altar at both First Immanuel &
River of Life are due by
Wednesday, Dec 1st.

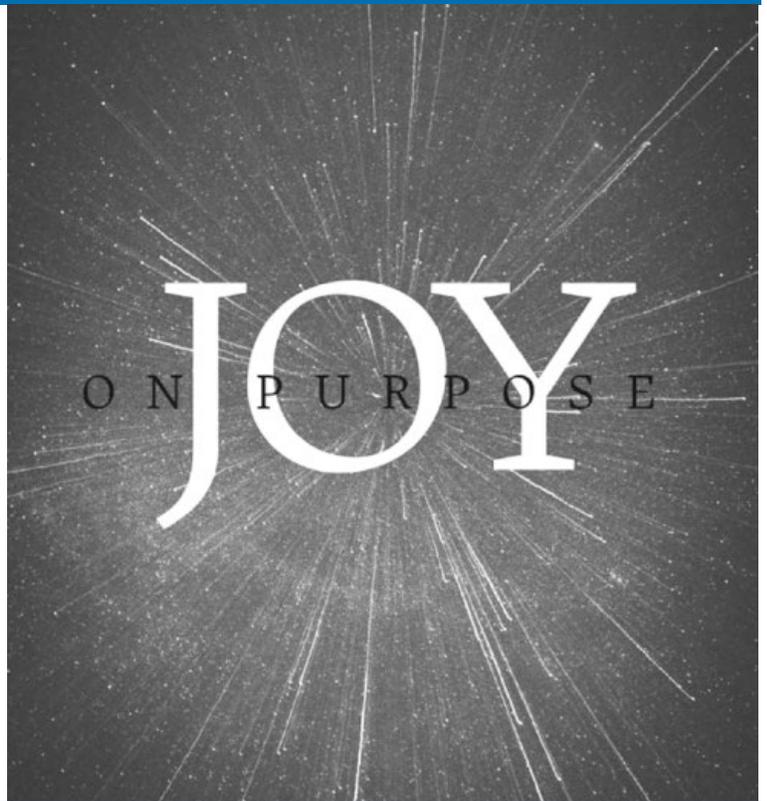
Pick up a paper order form at church or
place your order online here:
tinyurl.com/FILMPoinsettias2021

Poinsettias are available in either
Red or White.

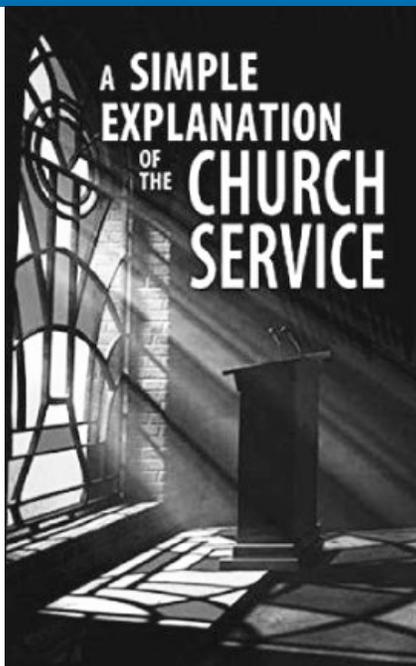
Singles are \$11 and Doubles are \$20.

FIRSTMIN.CHURCH ~ Joy on Purpose

firstmin.church has launched its newest series, "JOY ON PURPOSE". Focusing on Paul's letter to the Philippians, we will be walking through how we can be people of joy, no matter our earthly circumstances. Joy and rejoicing is a distinguishing characteristic of the people of God, but it is not easy to come by. Find joy on purpose by worshiping with our firstmin.church community this winter season. Learn more by searching "firstmin.church" wherever you are- social media, web search, podcast, etc.



Bonus Book Review



Title: A Simple Explanation of the Church Service
Published By: Concordia Publishing House
Reviewed By: Audrey A. Stockey

This little reference booklet easily explains what is happening, why it is happening, and the special terms used in the Lutheran Church service.

In the **Divine Service**, God comes to us. The first part of it is called the **Ordinary** because the liturgy of it has been used for more than 1,500 years. It is followed by the **Propers** which follows the seasons of the Church Year. The **Service of the Word** with multiple parts all remind us of what God is doing for us. The Gospel and hymns reinforce this. The Sermon brings God's Word to us in today's world.

The third portion, **Service of the Sacrament** is the body and blood of Christ and gives us forgiveness. It, too, has multiple parts that in the end provide us with forgiveness and peace. The Benediction

blesses us with His Holy Name.

This 33-page small book briefly explains all we need to know about Lutheran worship in simple language that members of all ages can use to understand the framework of our worship services.



Title: **Lutheranism 101—Worship**

Author: Thomas M. Winger

Reviewed by Audrey A. Stockey

Winger describes the importance of believers gathering to worship together to receive God's gifts—forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The hymns, prayers, spoken Word, and the sharing of Jesus' body and blood together with our responses allow for a conversation between God and His people. **Worship** is divided into sections consisting of God calling us to His place of worship, to His table, calling us in body, mind, and soul as well as daily worship through prayer. Mixed into these major areas is history of the church from the Old Testament to the New as well as changes in the service over time, all calling God's people to worship in His house with Him.

In the **Old Testament** wanted people in daily public worship in the tabernacle, including special occasions of Passover, Pentecost, and Seventh Month just to name a few. But all represented the coming of Christ. Worship included reciting, prayers, benediction, reading of Scripture, preaching or teaching, psalm singing, and prayers.

In the **New Testament**, Jesus said the Temple was his Father's which would be destroyed and replaced with his own flesh. The New Testament recognizes the church as fulfillment of the temple. Here Grace is received through Baptism, preaching, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, pointing to the heavenly feast that joins us with it here and now. God's call to worship begins with God, preparing us to come to Him through Christ's work. The Worship Service is based solely on The Word and is about what God can do for us. Here we receive His gifts through our faith and His forgiveness of our sins. The Sacrament delivers forgiveness, using Scripture and blessings. The Worship service also includes prayers, praise, thanksgiving, and offerings. We are reminded God is peace and order with the service teaching and our confessing. (Here, it should be noted that after Christ's Ascension, Jerusalem Christians continued the tradition of meeting on Sundays.)

It is also important to remember with the Reformation, the Bible was changed into local dialects of indigenous communities. With competing interpretations of the Liturgy of Worship, immigrants who founded the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod left Germany in 1838-39. In 1856, they published a German order of Service for the Synod as well as many liturgical books. Currently, the Divine Service is based on two gifts from Christ: his Word and his Supper, leading us to and from these gifts. The standard service has three primary parts: Confession and Absolution, Service of The Word, and Service of the Sacrament. Other parts of this service may change with the seasons and special times of the church calendar.

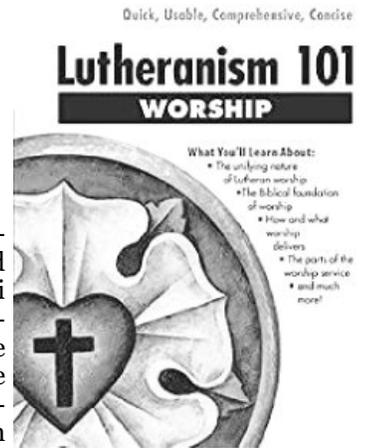
The Service is a reminder that God is present where his Word is spoken, blessing, and forgiving us. **The Divine Service** has two primary parts: Service of the Word and Service of the Sacrament, each having multiple parts. **Preparation Rite:** Invocation, Confession, and Absolution. This is followed by **Service of the Word** that includes reading of the Scripture and the Sermon. The

sections included here consist of the 1) Introit (based on Psalms), 2) Gloria Patri (Glory to God in the highest), 3) Kyrie (Lord have mercy), 4) a hymn of praise (Christmas would have Gloria in Excelsis; varies with the seasons), 5) Salutation (greeting between Pastor and congregation), 6) Collect of the day—"Let us pray..." (also varies with the season), 7) Scripture readings; forming the basis for Pastor's sermon, 8) Responses ("This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God."), 9) Creed, either Apostles or Nicene, 10) Hymn of the Day (based on day's theme), 11) Sermon, 12) Prayers of the church, and 13) Offering or Offertory.

Service of the Sacrament has multiple parts, too. 1) Preface, "Lord be with you", 2) Proper Preface, prayer of Thanksgiving: "It is right to give thanks...." (also will vary with the season), 3) Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy – reminding us we stand with all the company of heaven, 4) Prayer of Thanksgiving, 5) Lord's Prayer, 6) Words of Institution – The Lord's words telling us what the gift is and its benefits; forgiveness of sins, 7) Pax Domini – Peace of the Lord, 8) Agnus Dei – Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, 9) Distribution begins with the Pastor and his assistants. Then the true body and blood is distributed to the congregation, 10) Nunc Dimitis - Simeon's Song telling the world we are prepared by God's gifts for eternity with God, "depart in peace", 11) Post-Communion Collect, a brief prayer – "We give thanks to the Lord...". The service then ends with the Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction (The Lord be with you...").

Winger's last chapters covers various parts of the church year, always focusing on what Christ did for us. And explains the various parts of the physical church building and why they are important to the worship service. It also covers the music and hymns used in the service as well as the gestures made and what they represent in the service. He also explains the various colors used in the church setting and the Pastor's vestments. We are reminded God calls us to pray and worship in His Word, each and every day.

Lutheranism 101, Worship is a 175-page book containing a Forward, Introduction, and a Conclusion along with a Glossary of key terms. Each chapter has a list of its goals and questions at the end to evaluate the information or for group discussion. Additionally, it provides navigational information to help the reader understand the book and its true meaning for Lutherans. It is complete in that it provides a clear and long history of the church's worship practices. It is an in-depth explanation of the Divine Worship Service, making us more aware of God's presence in His House of Worship. It would appeal to people who are interested in the long-standing history of Lutheranism.



Quick, Usable, Comprehensive, Concise

Lutheranism 101 WORSHIP

What You'll Learn About:
• The underlying nature of Lutheran worship
• The biblical foundation of worship
• How and what worship delivers
• The parts of the worship service
• and much more!

WORD in the

REFLECTIONS ON A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FROM *LOIS GIORDANO*

HAVE TO OR GET TO?

Where is WORSHIP in your mind and heart?

Is it another thing on your task list that you need to get done each week? Or is it at the bottom of your priority list, only if you get around to it. Is worship a HAVE TO or a GET TO.

No judgement here. I've been in both categories. In college we talked about attending "bedside Baptist." Sleeping in on Sunday morning was more important than getting up and going to worship. For many years I perceived worship as something I "had to" do because my parents or other people expected it. Also, there were times when my purpose in attending church was whom I would see and talk to rather than worshiping my God.

Where is WORSHIP in your mind and heart? Where is your mind and heart during worship?

True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. John 4:23 In worship we glorify God for who He is and for everything He's done for us. I confess to you and to my God my misconceptions about worship and my failures to worship God in spirit and in truth. Thanks be to Him that He just kept calling me back over and over again and filling my soul with a craving for worship. I long to be present with Him in His house, to join with other Christians in giving praise and honor to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Worship is NOT ABOUT ME. It is NOT my personal, spiritual filling station. Weekend worship actually just tops off my tank because I've been filling it all week with time in God's Word, praying, and studying Scripture and learning together with other Christians.

Yes, I benefit deeply from being in worship. But that's all about God, not about me. Worship is about giving glory to God.

Where is WORSHIP in your mind and heart? Where are you currently worshipping?

During Covid, I was so grateful for the online worship opportunities. For some there is needed safety at home. But it just isn't as good as being in the House of the Lord with other believers.

Are you still worshipping at home? It's cozy, isn't it? Coffee in hand? PJ's? No rushing to get out the door? No wondering if the kids will behave or if it will be a struggle? There is absolutely nothing wrong with worshipping at home by way of technology. But bear with me while I challenge you a bit.

Is this your best worship? Or is it just convenient?

- Are you singing the hymns and joining the liturgy with gusto and joy?
- Do you feel like you are in the presence of the worshipping body of Christ—the Church—or do you feel a bit remote and cut off?
- Are your kids actively engaged in worshipping with you?
- Are you touching the lives of other Christians with your worship? Are you looking into the faces of other worshipers and reflecting your joy in Christ to them as you worship?
- Are you as engaged in the life and work of God's people as you were when you were physically present for worship in the sanctuary?

There are many worship opportunities coming up in December. Will I **get to** worship with you in person? To God be the Glory—especially in our worship!

School ~ Worship

In our Lutheran school, worship happens often! We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to set aside time to spend in this manner.

On a large scale, our students participate in weekly Chapel services. Twice a month the kindergarten through eighth grade students come together in the sanctuary to hear the Word of God and a message given by the speaker. The speaker may be one of our pastors, a staff member from Living Word Lutheran High school or a Concordia University Wisconsin professor. Along with the message we worship in song, recognize the students who have a baptism birthday during that week and bring offerings for the current Mission of the Month. One thing that is very special about these Chapels is that we sit in Chapel families during this worship time.



We also have smaller group Chapels twice a month that are led by our classroom teachers. In these Chapels, made up of K - 2, 3 - 5 or middle school, teachers focus on a Bible story along with a Christian character trait. These more intimate settings allow for deeper discussion and a message more targeted to the grade level.



Finally, our 3K and 4K students meet for Chapel in the church every Wednesday. Messages are shared with these students and songs are sung to provide them an age-appropriate worship experience!

How blessed we are that *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:10) It is our prayer that our students' faith is strengthened in these worship settings!*

"As a vital ministry of First Immanuel Lutheran Ministries the purpose of our school (FILS) is to "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it,"

Proverbs 22:6. By following this verse we will develop the whole child – academically, artistically, physically, socially and spiritually - by providing a Christ centered, quality education **for the children of the First Immanuel congregation and the surrounding communities** so they may grow through God's Word and Sacraments."

- Dawn Walker, Principal



Lutherans for Life ~ Ozaukee Chapter



Lutherans For Life

*Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors
to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life*

Lutherans for Life has a new MISSION statement...Equipping Lutherans ***and their neighbors*** to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Ozaukee County Lutherans for Life Chapter would like to thank the members of First Immanuel for your generous support this past year. Because of you, we were able to assist ministries who are dedicated to be Gospel-motivated voices for life!

We have new resources to help you talk to your family about life issues. Help yourself to a copy of LifeDate Journal located in the Narthex at FIL and ROL. LifeDate is Lutherans For Life's quarterly journal of news and commentary offering a biblical Law/Gospel perspective on life issues, such as abortion, post abortion, adoption, end of life, bioethics, creation, family life, worldview and culture, and more.

We would be honored by your presence at the **February 15th** meeting of Ozaukee Co. LFL, River of Life, 7:00 pm. You will be blessed, encouraged, and informed by our presenters in February! New life resources also available at the meeting. Please email susan.pipkorn@cuw.edu with questions or additional information. God bless you and your family this Christmas!

HELP OUR MINISTRIES—

VOLUNTEER!

Opportunities include:

- Providing altar flowers • Altar guild/communion
 - Share-a-Meals for shut-ins • Ushering for worship services
 - Greeting at services • Serving for funerals
 - Baking for special occasions • Serving for coffee hour
- NO MEETINGS** required, and get paid in six figures...

S-M-I-L-E-S!

Email us: connect@fils.org

8 Reasons to Worship With Your Family

1. Receive God's Amazing Gifts

- Through the proclaimed Word of God and the Sacraments the Holy Spirit increases and strengthens faith. Kids, adults, and retirees all need what God gives!

2. Family Identity

- Attending worship is a "holy habit" that affirms your family identity. Your values are defined by God's truth. Worship is a place where we can learn and grow our Christian values.

3. Live Out Your Faith

- You've heard it said, "Actions speak louder than words." When you worship together, children, parents, and siblings see your desire to grow in your faith. Even if members of your family won't attend with you, your commitment to go alone speaks volumes.

4. Gathering with Extended "Family"

- "Do not give up meeting together..." (Hebrews 10:25) We follow the example of the early church gathering together to encourage, correct, teach, support and keep one another accountable. Sometimes your church family can convey something more effectively than someone in your family.

5. Faith Development Over-time

- Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of discipleship. "The Word of God is living and active...." Hebrews 4:12 The more exposure we have to God's Word and the Sacraments the more impact the Holy Spirit can make in each member of your family.

6. Praise and Thank God Together

- In worship, through song, prayers, and gifts (time, talents, and treasure) we have a beautiful opportunity to respond to God for what He has done for us and to praise Him! A child seeing a parent singing, a grand-parent humbly repenting, or a relative serving with joy during worship can make a huge impact.

7. Encourages Christian Character

- In worship we are taught right from wrong, truth from a lie, and God's ways. God shapes our character regarding how to love Him, love our neighbors, and live out our faith. A family who worships together strives to reflect Biblical values.

8. Sins Revealed and Sins Forgiven

- As we confess our sins and receive God's Word of forgiveness our family recognizes that we are all sinful and need God's mercy. As we receive God's forgiveness, we are reminded that we also should forgive. As the Lord's Prayer declares, "as we forgive those who trespass against us."

See you in worship!

Pastor Tim Seban

(A sinner like you who needs what God gives in worship!)

WORSHIP

Written by: Pastor Ethan Luhman

[wor·ship]

Reaching up to The Ultimate

What is worship? Simply put, it is a posture of kneeling down and reaching up to the Ultimate- whatever it is that one is worshipping. People today worship all kinds of things, although we might talk about it differently and the objects of worship might not be formally called “gods”.

Martin Luther said, “Whatever you fear, love, and trust most, that is your god.” That is helpful for us as we contemplate our own lives of worship. first-min.church had a recent series on worship. You can find that series whenever and wherever by visiting www.firstmin.church/media.

The services cover themes like, “Why we worship”, “Why we worship the God of the Scriptures”, and “A Day of Rest.” If you are looking for a great way for guided worship, this series will be very helpful for you. We invite you to watch, worship, and share, as you reach up to the True Ultimate, the God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



"Home for the Holidays" HURTS



Relationships have changed.

My kids are unsure of themselves.

Members of our First Immanuel Family:

Please pray for the kids who are experiencing the family changes brought by divorce.

Please pray for adults who still hurt from divorce and the challenges it brings to everyday life.

Please pray for our facilitators and volunteer Safekeepers who are building caring relationships with those struggling with these changes.

Please pray that our Lord and Savior will carry them through this joyous season giving them strength, courage, hope, love, and His peace.

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May God bless you and your family as you celebrate the JOY Jesus has brought to each of us.



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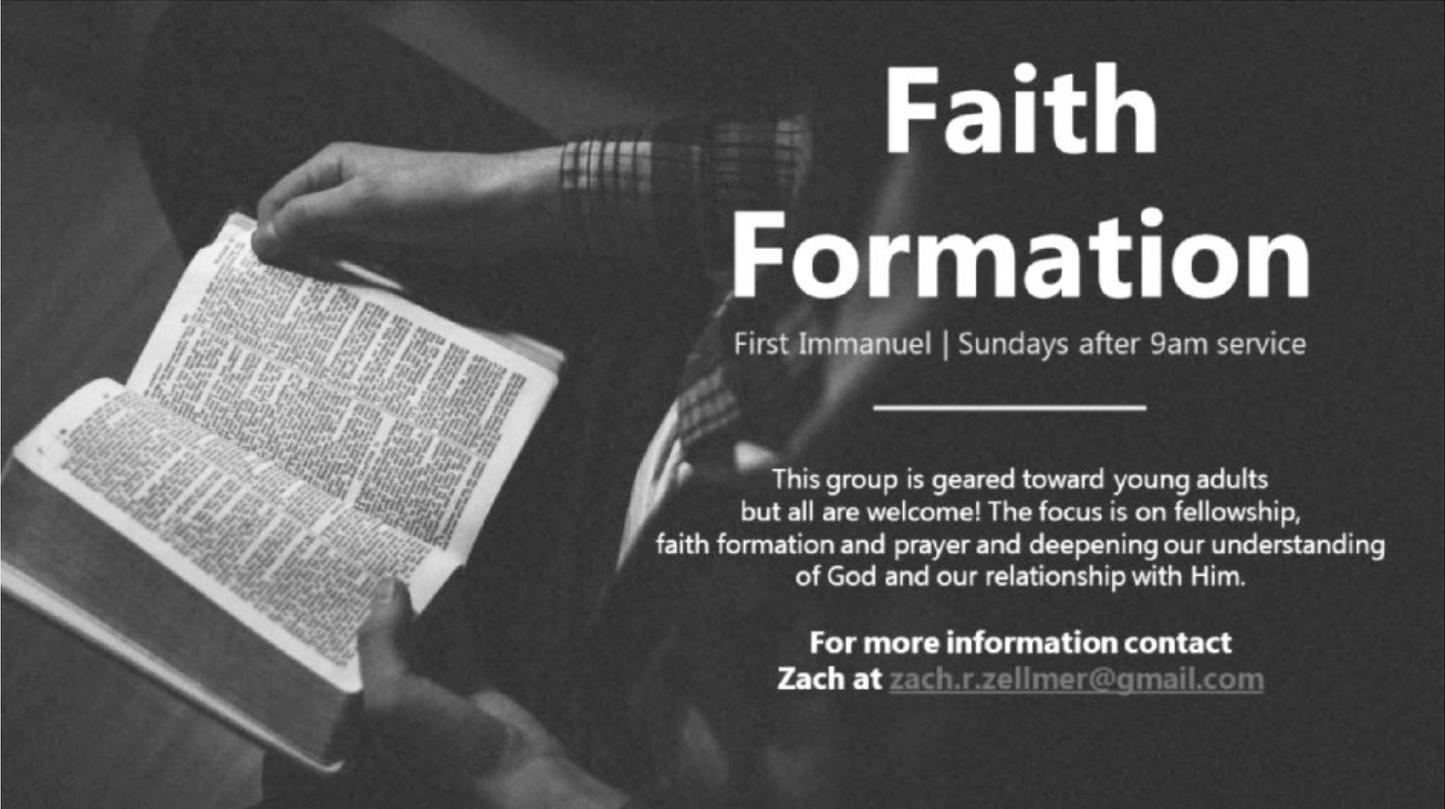
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For more information contact
Zach at zach.r.zellmer@gmail.com

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