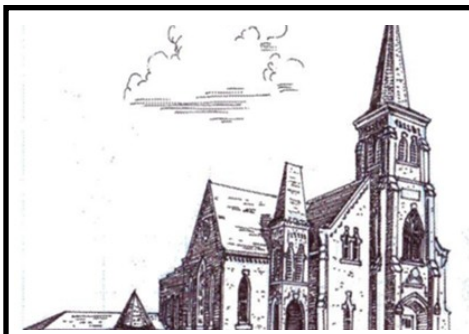




Immanuel United Methodist Church

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October 4, 2026

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Opening Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*The Old Rugged Cross* #504

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Jules Donnelly

L: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

L: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

L: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

P: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

L: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

**We are not alone,
We live in God's world.
We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new,
Who Works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song—*We Believe*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-13*

Andrew Taylor

55 ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Pastoral Prayer

Sarah Woods

Song—*Goodness of God*

Worship Team

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Come to the Table*

Worship Team

Holy Communion

Sarah Woods

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty *God*, now and forever.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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. Amen**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Blest Be the Tie (Vv. 1,4) #557*

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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Welcome!

On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around the world in sharing the Lord's Supper. We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ.

Preparation for Worship

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. Amen.

World Communion Day

Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, one of the six special offering Sundays of the United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday is an annual opportunity for United Methodists to call attention to the unity of all Christians at the table of the Lord, and to raise funds to support United Methodist students in the US and around the world.

Rotary Club Annual Chicken & Food Drive Fundraiser

Today, Sunday, October 4 from 11am—3pm

The Rotary Club's Annual Fundraiser takes place today at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge. Carry out or dine-in is available. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, bread, salad and beverage. Gluten free options are available. Proceeds benefit the Metro East Community Club and helps stock their blessing boxes, one of which is here at Immanuel. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children (3-12).

Charge Conference 2026

Charge Conference will be held next Sunday, October 11, beginning at 1:30 pm at St. Johns UMC in Edwardsville. The primary responsibilities of the charge conference shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.

All Saints Sunday

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1. All Saints Day is an opportunity to reflect on our history, remember those who influenced our faith and consider how we can live a holy life. From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. If you have lost someone since last year's All Saints' Day that took place on November 2, 2025, contact the church office so we can honor them.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 10/4—Betty Gengler, 10/5—Renee Doss, 10/6—Nancy Schwalb, 10/7—LeeAnn Kane, 10/9—Breck Newman

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: 9/28 (Belated)—David & Marion Norris 10/4—Teresa & Christal Akers-Helle

Our Online Calendar can be accessed at any time by following this link: <https://73818207.view-events.com>

Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement

As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

Prayer/Praise Ministry

- Family member who has been deployed overseas.
- Nadine, cancer diagnosis.
- Catherine, breast cancer diagnosis.
- Thomas Schultz, friend of Larry & Linda Duckworth, for heart condition.
- Dear friend of Laurie Hosto battling breast cancer.
- Sherri, fiancé of Koenig family nephew. Surgery went well. Prayers of comfort during recovery.

To add someone to the prayer list fill out the bulletin slip or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, October 4	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship (<i>World Communion Sunday</i>)
Monday, October 5	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Head Start Learn & Play Girl Scouts in Journey's Inn AA in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 6	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Homeschool Group until 3pm Centering Prayer Group SPPRC End of Year Meeting in Journey's Inn
Wednesday, October 7	7:00 pm	Rainbow House Adult Group
Thursday, October 8	12:00 pm	United Women in Faith
Saturday, October 10	9:00 am	Rise & Shine Yoga

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest: Sarah Woods
Liturgist: Andrew Tayor
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Hayden Ellis
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli

Next Week's Worship Assistants

Liturgist: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Marquel Rogers
Worship Screens: Kiffon Lewis



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Song #1 - The Old Rugged Cross #504

On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross;
The emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross,
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God,
Left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
It's shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Song #2—We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe
We believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe
We believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
We believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe
We believe!

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
"We believe, we believe"
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe
We believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life!
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And He's coming back again

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe
We believe

Song #3 – Goodness of God

I love you, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up,
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father.
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Song #4 – Come to the Table

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins

We were hungry, we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape we were in

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us, He said:

Come to the table
Come join the sinners
Who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here

So, that sin and shame
That you brought with you
You can leave it at the door
Let mercy draw you near

Come to the table
Come join the sinners
Who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger, all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who fail you've

All who dream and all who suffer
All who loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow, all who lead

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Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To everyone who hears this song

Come to the table
Come join the sinners
Who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free, whoa
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Song # 5 - Blest Be the Tie #557 (vs 1,4)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined
In heart, and hope to meet again

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