

## Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Sunday Worship:  
10:00 a.m.

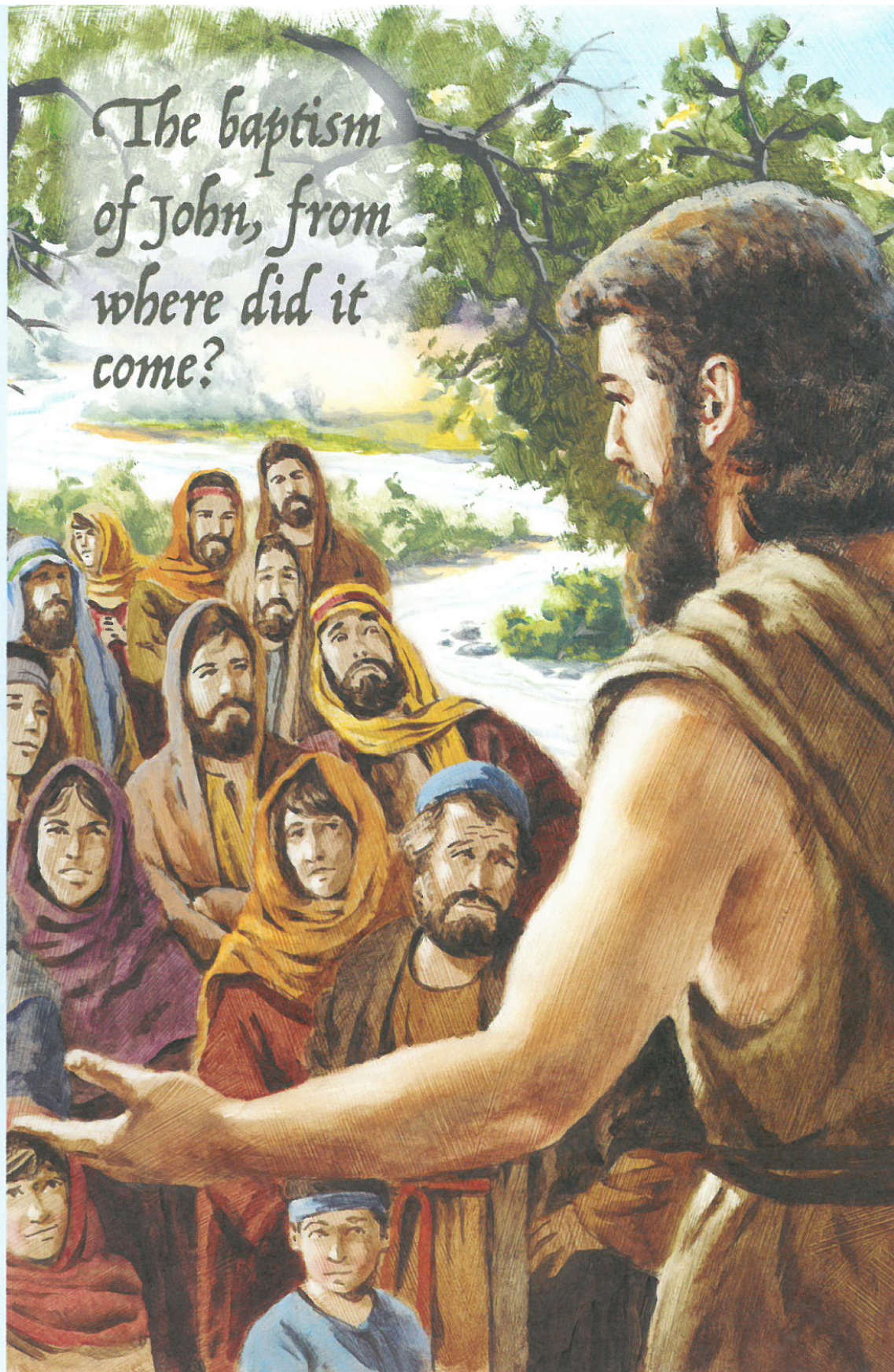
Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class:  
9:00 a.m.

Rev. Charles  
C. Minetree,  
*Sr. Pastor*

Rev. Lucas Witt,  
*Missionary/  
Assoc. Pastor*

Muriel E. Hopkins,  
*Music Director*

Dr. Richard Wegner,  
*Minister of Music,  
Emeritus*



The baptism  
of John, from  
where did it  
come?

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### **THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation.*

*We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

### **GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people rooted, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their eternal salvation.

### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

### **COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

- Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,
- Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel



**ALL attendees MUST wear a face mask. Although all surfaces have been cleaned, it is best to assume all surfaces are contaminated. Please make use of the hand sanitizer provided.**

**Organ Prelude – “Oh! Had I Jubal’s Lyre” (Aria from *Joshua*) – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)**

**Opening Hymn - #900 “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, “Je - sus shall His peo - ple save.”  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n  
Under all the mighty heav’n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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*Stand*

## **Divine Service, Setting Four**

Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

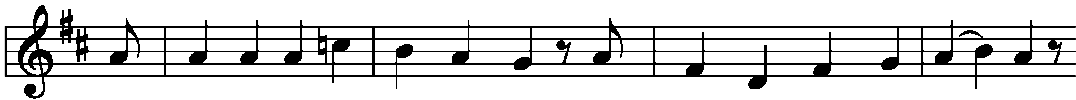
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Baptism Hymn - #601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baby Witt, born on September 7, 2020, son of Rev. Lucas and Sylvia Witt.

*When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the congregation answers the questions on his behalf.*

*Stand*

### Service of the Word

#### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:23–27*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,]<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,<sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.<sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.<sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous<sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.”<sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

<sup>53</sup> And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there,

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence 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.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day – “I’ve Found the Pearl of Highest Price”**



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| <p>1. I've found the pearl of greatest price,<br/>       My heart doth sing for joy:<br/>       And sing I must, a Christ I have;<br/>       O what a Christ have I?</p> <p>2. Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life,<br/>       The way to God on high,<br/>       Life to the dead, the truth of types,<br/>       The truth of prophesy.</p> <p>3. Christ is a prophet, priest and king,<br/>       A Prophet full of light,<br/>       A Priest that stands 'twixt God and man,<br/>       A King that rules with might.</p> | <p>4. Christ's manhood is a temple, where<br/>       The altar God doth rest;<br/>       My Christ, he is the sacrifice,<br/>       My Christ he is the priest.</p> <p>5. My Christ he is the Lord of lords,<br/>       He is the King of kings;<br/>       He is the Sun of righteousness,<br/>       With healing in his wings.</p> <p>6. My Christ, he is the Heaven of heavens,<br/>       My Christ what shall I call?<br/>       My Christ is first, my Christ is last,<br/>       My Christ is all in all.</p> |
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*The Christian's duty, exhibited in a series of hymns, 1791*

*Tune: LSB #707*

**Sermon – Text: Matthew 13:44-46**

## Offering

(The offering plates are located in the Narthex in an effort to reduce the amount of touch points. Please place your offerings in the plate as you exit.)

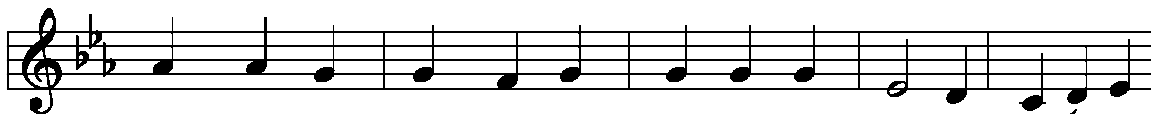
## Offertory



**C** 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession, and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### *Brief silence*

**P** Make us to know Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in the path of salvation made known in Your Word. Hear our complaints and quiet them by Your merciful deliverance, that we may respond with trust and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Encourage us, O Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not lose heart but, being of one mind and one will, may serve You with gladness, doing the works of Your Kingdom and speaking Your Word of witness throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Enlighten us with godly knowledge and wisdom, O Lord, and bless those who pursue science to improve our lives and the lives of those in greatest need. Bless all honorable vocations and all honest labor, and lead the unemployed to good jobs and noble work not only for their own interests but for the good of us all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Show us Your compassion, O Lord, and in Your mercy grant healing, comfort and peace to all those who suffer. Deliver them from all their afflictions, pain, sorrow and fear. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and all those we name in our hearts before You. *[Brief silence]* Lord, we thank you for those who celebrate their days of physical birth this week. Especially the lives of Ava, Manix, Kathleen, Jaime, and Filleseta. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us, O Lord, to remember the faithful who loved and served You and who now rest from their labors. Bring us with them to that most blessed day when together we shall dwell in Your presence on high forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant to us all good things needful for this body and life and profitable for our salvation, and keep from us all things harmful, that sustained in time of want and guarded in time of prosperity, we may endure to the day of our Lord's coming and be judged worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

*(Streaming service concludes.)*

## 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 to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now



risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - 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!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### 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 Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



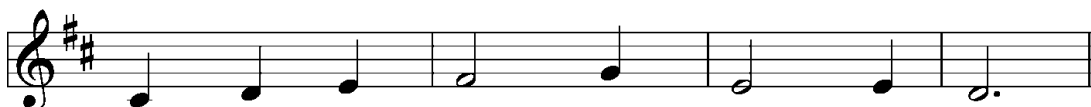
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

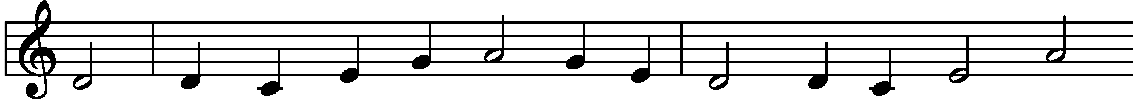


Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn – 543 “What Wondrous Love Is This”



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benedictions

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Recessional Hymn – #978 “How Majestic Is Your Name”

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name: Prince of Peace, Might-y God, O Lord God Al-might - y. O y." The score includes a second ending bracket and a "D.S." (Da Capo) instruction. The final ending is marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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### Lyrics Only:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Looo-rd, we praise your name.

O Looo-rd, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

## Organ Postlude – “Sinfonia from the Oratorio *Soloman*”

– George Frideric Handel

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**Those Serving Today:**

Missionary/Associate Pastor	Rev. Lucas Witt
Director of Music	Muriel Hopkins
Altar Guild	Elaine Schwab and Phyllis Rebstock

**Altar and Narthex Flowers:** In honor of all of the loving memories of my beloved Elaine, on what would have been our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. All my love, Tom

**Birthdays This Week:**

27	Ava Beatty
28	Manix Paye, Jr.
30	Kathleen (Lietzau) Breen Jaime Clark-Sands
Oct 2	Filleseta James

**This Week at Immanuel:**

Sunday	September 27	9 am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
		10 am	Worship & Holy Communion
Wednesday	September 30	12 pm	Facebook Live Bible Study
Sunday	October 4	9 am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
		10 am	Worship & Holy Communion

**Ministry Notes**

**\*\*\*Please note the change in Immanuel's Mailing Address\*\*\***

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**WORSHIP SERVICE WELCOME MINISTRY**

The Worship Service Welcome Ministry invites you to join their team of volunteers:

- Worship service host(ess)
- Greeters before service
- follow-up calls to guests and members

**Please contact Denise Adah 410.937.1792 for details.**

**THE INVITATION**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” *Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*



We invite our guest(s) to meet our host or hostess at the baptismal font immediately after the service to:

- ask about Jesus,
- the worship service,
- request prayer,
- request a meeting with our pastor.

### **A CHANGE IN SUNDAY'S BIBLE CLASS**

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will be moving to 9:00am. We will have "in person" class at Immanuel's Fellowship Hall and ZOOM streaming. Those who have been attending the ZOOM evening class will receive the new ZOOM link. If you would like to join the ZOOM Class, please send an email to [cminetree@immanuelutheran.org](mailto:cminetree@immanuelutheran.org) to enroll and receive the link. Homework will still be emailed to all class participants weekly. Printed copies can be made available to those who cannot print their own.

### **WEDNESDAY FACEBOOK LIVE BIBLE CLASS**

Our Wednesday Bible Class will resume with the Book of James. This class will be live streamed over Immanuel's Facebook page 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>. The class will also be recorded and available at any time over the Facebook page and Immanuel's You Tube page. There will be no need to register for this class.

### **HOME COMMUNION AND PRIVATE CHURCH COMMUNION**

Pastor Minetree has suspended home Communion visitation during the Pandemic Crisis unless requested by a family. Members of Immanuel may call Pastor at 443-615-4852 to request a home Communion Visit or a private Communion at Immanuel outside of Sunday Divine Service. This is available to members who also feel unsafe returning to Immanuel at this time. You may also email Pastor at [cminetree@immanuelutheran.org](mailto:cminetree@immanuelutheran.org) to schedule a visit.

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or [Denisewaicker@mac.com](mailto:Denisewaicker@mac.com). Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 for a Special Arrangement and \$40.00 for Altar Flowers. Pay by cash or check (made payable to the "Altar Guild") and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer