

**Immanuel  
Lutheran  
Church**



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Sunday Worship:  
10:00 a.m.

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

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*Sr. Pastor*

Rev. Lucas Witt,  
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They were astonished  
at His teaching

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14, 2021

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.

## Organ Prelude – “Suite Gothique”

–Leon Boëllmann

(1862-1897)

I Introduction-Choral II Menuet gothique III Prière à Notre-Dame

*Stand*

## Processional Hymn - #828 “We Are Called to Stand Together”

*To the tune of #367 “Regent Square”*

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| <p>1 We are called to stand together<br/>With the saints of ages past,<br/>With the patriarchs and prophets<br/>In the faith they once held fast;<br/>Promises and hopes they treasured<br/>Now we find fulfilled at last!</p> | <p>2 Those whom Jesus called apostles<br/>Journeyed with Him side by side,<br/>Heard His teaching, felt His power,<br/>Saw the way He lived and died;<br/>Then the news of resurrection<br/>They delivered far and wide.</p> |
| <p>3 Through the intervening ages<br/>Round the world the Gospel spread:<br/>Faithful heralds took the message,<br/>Guided where the Spirit led;<br/>So the body grew in stature,<br/>Serving Christ, the living head.</p>     | <p>4 Now in many tongues and cultures<br/>Songs of celebration ring;<br/>Millions who confess our Savior<br/>Honor Him as Lord and King<br/>And, for courage, grace and guidance<br/>Ev’ry day their prayers they bring.</p> |
| <p>5 To each coming generation<br/>Tell the truth, persuade, explain,<br/>Till the time when time is ended,<br/>Till the Savior comes again—<br/>Till the saints are all united<br/>Under Christ’s eternal reign!</p>          |  |

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## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

#### **Collect For the Word**

**L** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **Reading**

*Amos 9:13–15*

**L** A reading from Amos, the ninth chapter.

<sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Canticle**

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be | known on earth,\*  
your saving power among all | nations.  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations up- | on earth.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its | increase;\*  
God, our God, shall | bless us.  
<sup>7</sup>God shall | bless us;\*  
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

**Reading**

*Acts 12:25—13:5*

<sup>25</sup>And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

<sup>1</sup>Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.  
<sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>4</sup>So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

**Reading**

*John 4:27–38*

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

<sup>36</sup>Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

*Stand*

**Responsory**

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**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 - #830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



- Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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## Sermon A reflection on 2020

### 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.)

### Stand

### Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### 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.**

### Collect Of The Day

- L** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

### Announcements

#### Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

**Hymn - #825 "Rise, Shine, You People"**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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**Organ Postlude – IV "Toccata" from "Suite Gothique"**

–Leon Boëllmann

**Those Serving Today:**

Preacher

Rev. Lucas Witt

Liturgist

Rev. Charles Minetree

Director of Music

Muriel Hopkins

Altar Guild

Denise Waicker/Nina Ward

## **Birthdays This Week:**

Feb 15 John Pickering  
Renay Royster  
Feb 16 Franklin Davis  
Phyllis Rebstock  
Feb 17 Pastor Minetre

## **This Week at Immanuel:**

Saturday Feb 13	10 am	Compassion Center
Sunday Feb 14	9 am	Adult Bible Study
	10 am	Worship and Holy Communion Voter's Meeting after Worship
Wed Feb 17	12:10 pm	Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday		Adult Bible Study, The Book of Acts
	7 pm	Holy Communion
	8 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday Feb 21	9 am	Adult Bible Study
	10 am	Worship and Holy Communion

## **Ministry Notes**

### **ACTS BIBLE STUDY**

On Wednesdays, we will have a Facebook Live Bible Class. We will stream live at 12pm and the class will be recorded and available over Immanuel's Facebook page. We are studying Acts or in its longer title, Acts of the Apostles. Our first 30 sessions will be an overview of the book. Homework questions will be given at the end for the next class. Hope to see you on Facebook Live.

### **VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 FOLLOWING THE 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

A voter's meeting that has been scheduled for Sunday, January 31 following the 10 AM worship service. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. There will also be an option to attend virtually (details to be provided). The agenda for this meeting will include presentation of the 2021 budget as well as information on the launch of the Mission Funding Campaign which is set to begin in February. We hope that you can be present, whether it be in-person or on-line, for this important meeting.

### **PARTICIPATING IN HOLY COMMUNION (NEW)**

Many of our members do not yet feel safe returning for worship on Sundays at the Church. They have been missing the sacrament of Holy Communion for many months now. Immanuel would like to help alleviate that situation. Beginning November 1, you will be able to pick up a communion

element cup from the church office. This pre-sealed package will have a cup of wine and a piece of wafer included. The Sunday Divine Service will continue the stream through the Sacrament to the end of the service. As we participate in the consecration and distribution, you will be able to follow along too at home. Please call Pastor Minetree or the Church office (443-615-4852 Pastor's Cell, 410-435-6861 Church Office) to arrange pick up of the elements package.

### **HOMEBOUND HOLY COMMUNION (NEW)**

Some of our homebound members do not feel safe having the pastors over for a "communion visit." In response to this, Immanuel has purchased pre-sealed packages of communion elements. These packages include a cup of wine and a bread wafer. These packages may be picked up by a friend or family member from the church office. Please call Pastor Minetree or the Church office (443-615-4852 Pastor's Cell, 410-435-6861 Church Office) to arrange pick up of the elements package. In some instances, the packages can be mailed to the Shut-in's home. One of Immanuel's pastors can schedule a phone visit for the Communion Liturgy and Devotion or a visit may be made by ZOOM. If neither of these options are workable, a devotion card will be included with a short Communion Liturgy and devotional thought the shut-in may read or have read to them. These elements sent to the homes of shut-ins will be consecrated with the Communion elements on the Sunday prior to pick up during the regular Divine Service. For more information please call Pastor or the Church office.

### **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
- Kay Lietzau who is ill
- Janet McGovern, daughter of Elaine Mueller, who had surgery and is recovering
- Dan Quinn and Chris Pauley (Chris is a friend of the Minetrees) who are battling COVID
- Doug who is recovering from electrocution
- Ray Will, who is having back problems
- Tom Manager, whose sister, Betty Williamson was called home this past Sunday
- Rick Kruelle, who is being treated for cancer