

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 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.

As of August 9, 2021, Baltimore City has issued guidance that individuals should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Organ Prelude – “Oh! Had I Jubal’s Lyre”
(Aria from Oratorio *Joshua*)

–George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Processional Hymn #726 – “Evening and Morning”



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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Divine Service, Setting One

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 31:14-16; antiphon: v. 24



Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!
But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You | are my God."
My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Common Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #849 – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



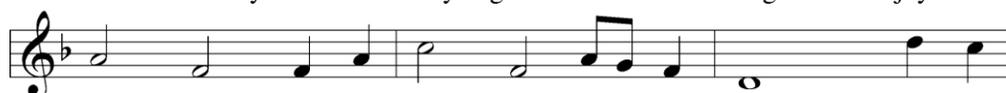
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon – *Help My Unbelief*

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**☐ 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.**

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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs

Brief silence

Lord God, we believe; help our unbelief! Sustain us through the many troubles and trials of this world. When unclean spirits afflict us and those that we love, revive our trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord and Father, tame our tongues so that they are not a restless evil, full of deadly poison. Turn them by Your Spirit from cursing the people made in Your likeness to instead blessing You, and keep us from stumbling in what we say. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have promised that “all things are possible for one who believes.” In such faith, we bring before You _____ and all others in need, asking You to grant them health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son, who suffered unjustly for our sins and was vindicated in His resurrection, is near to us in His body and blood. Assure us that no one can contend against or declare guilty those who have been reconciled to God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

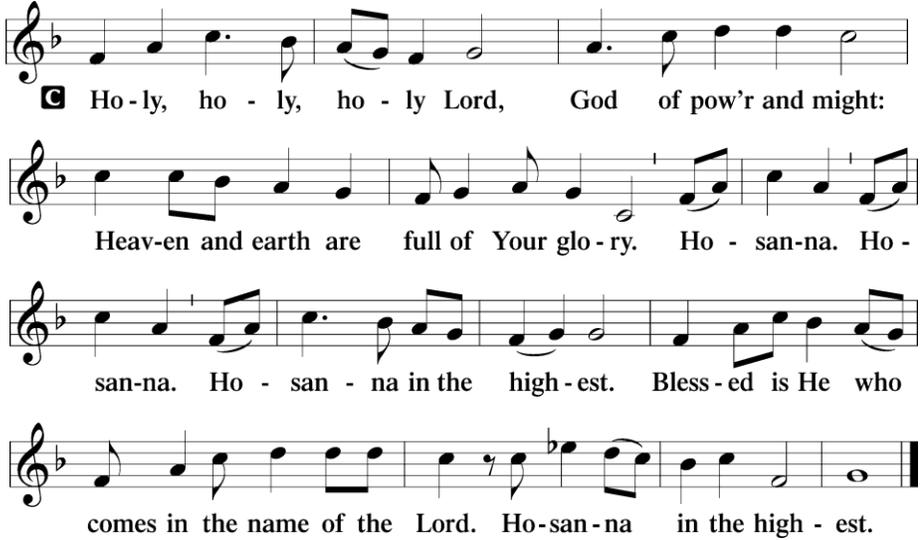
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

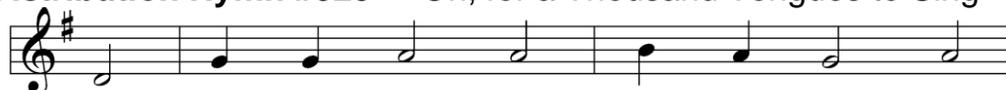
Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

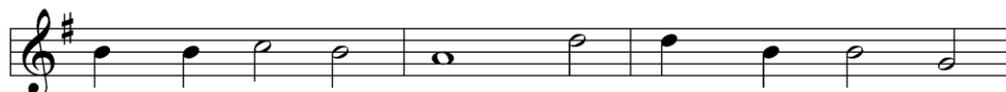
Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #528 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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 in 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 A - men.

Announcements

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you

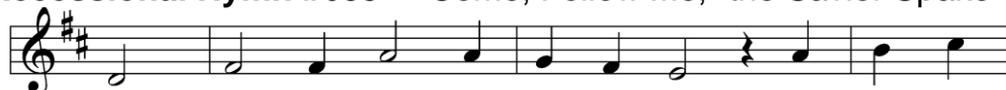
And be gracious to you.

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



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn #688 – “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”
 bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

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Organ Postlude – “Sinfonia from Oratorio *Solomon*” – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Those Serving Today:

Pastor	Rev. Charles Minetree
Officiant	
Director of Music	Muriel Hopkins
Altar Guild	Sharon Minetree

Birthdays This Week:

18 Nazareth Witt

This Week at Immanuel:

Sunday	September 12	9 am 10 am	RALLY DAY Adult Bible Study Worship and Holy Communion
Monday	September 13	7:15	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	September 15	Uploaded 7 pm	Acts Bible Study Council Meeting
Sunday	September 19	9 am 10 am	Adult Bible Study Worship and Holy Communion

Ministry Notes

Pastor Lucas, who we called to be Missionary to Baltimore, has been serving at other congregations as part of our mission to share, encourage, and partner in mission in Baltimore. This morning Pastor Witt is serving and preaching at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie. (9/12,19)

A Menu of Soul Nourishing and Faith Growing Bible Study Opportunities at Immanuel Basics of the Christian Faith

Whether you are new to the Christian Faith or would like a refresher course on our fundamental beliefs, this class is for you. We will begin with the topic "The Natural Knowledge of God" and move through to "The Last Things and End of Time." This class will be uploaded to our YouTube page and linked to our Facebook page on a bi-weekly basis. If you wish to receive the homework sheets which will be receive and discussed with Pastor, please send an email to ilcadmin@immanuelutheran.org.

Wednesday Bible Class on the Book of Acts

Our Wednesday YouTube class on Acts will continue. The class is uploaded on Wednesdays. The class sessions consist of a presentation of a portion of Scripture from Acts, review of homework, and homework assignment for the next class. The first chapters of this class may be found on our Facebook page. Later classes and the current class may be found on our YouTube page.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

We will resume our in-person Sunday Bible Class September 12th at 9:00 A.M. in the Conference Room (former library). This class will not be recorded or streamed. We will look at Living as Disciples through Lutheran Spirituality. We will look at such spirituality topics as: The Word, Prayer, Confession, The Cross, Witness, Vocation, Community, and Promise. Please join Pastor Minetree for this faith growing class.

Zoom Bible Class

Pastor Minetree will be offering a weekday Bible Class on the heart of the Christian Faith, The Spirituality of the Cross. Based on Gene Edward Veith's book, The Spirituality of the Cross, The Way of the first Evangelicals, we will look at the heart of being Lutheran. We will cover such topics as: Justification, The Means of Grace, Theology of the Cross, Vocation, and Living in Two Kingdoms. The Day and time will be decided by those who wish to take the class. A minimum of 5 students is needed for this class. If you are interested, please send an email to ilcadmin@immanuelutheran.org and pastor will be in touch. **Deadline to enroll is September 19th.**

Serving God and Immanuel During the Divine Service

Immanuel is currently looking for helpers in several areas during our Divine Service. These include Acolytes, Crucifers, Readers, and Communion Assistants. Both men and women are invited to serve in each of these worship ministries. One must be regular in Sunday Morning Worship attendance. Each ministry will be described below.

Acolytes

These servants light and extinguish the altar and reredos candles, participate in processions and recessions, and help Pastor as needed. These servants are robed.

Crucifer

These servants carry the cross in processions and recessions. These servants are robed.

Readers

These servants read the appointed Scripture of the day from the Lectern. These servants do not need to wear robes.

Communion Assistants

These servants (both men and women) will assist Pastor with the distribution of the Elements of Holy Communion. While you normally distribute the individual cups, you may be asked to distribute the Host or the Chalice. These servants are robed.

Each participant in these ministries will be properly trained in each before serving. See Pastor Minetree or Steve Heemann to volunteer.

Other Opportunities to Serve During the Divine Service

There are other opportunities for serving during our Divine Services. These include Altar Guild, Usher, Camera Operator, Choir, Special Musician, Soloist, and Banner Maker. Please see Pastor Minetree, Steven Heemann, Mary Ruble, or Muriel Hopkins to volunteer.

IMMANUEL'S CHOIR will resume rehearsals this Fall on Monday, September 13 starting at 7:15 p.m. and we will rehearse until 8:30 p.m. We will meet right here in the Sanctuary. Please park in the front parking lot if you like, or let us know if you need a ride to and from rehearsal. The Church's front doors will be open at 7 p.m.

We welcome people who enjoy singing. You do not need to be able to read music to sing with us.

Please join us.

Please feel free to talk to Muriel Hopkins about the choir. Just come up to the pipe organ after the Service. You can also call or text Muriel at: 410-207-0831. (9/5,12,19,26)

Lovin' Loch Raven, 3rd annual event, September 25th, 12 to 4 pm, our parking lot. Details can be found on our website, immanuellutheran.org.

Circuit 3 ReCONNECT Fellowship. Friday, October 1, 7 pm to 9 pm at Immanuel. Details can be found on our website, immanuellutheran.org.

Sunday, November 7th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. *'Til All Have Heard* Mission Bull roast and Shrimp Feast! Extensive menu, live music from *The Reputations*, raffles, auctions, and FELLOWSHIP. Location: Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road, 21237. Call Denise Waicker at 443-981-0019 for tickets. Complete menu sent via email and will be included in the October *Herald*.

We are collecting door prizes for this event. Please contact Mary Ruble (410-321-0046) if you can donate item(s). There will be a designated place where you can bring these to Church. We hope everyone can participate in this fellowship event to raise funds for our *'Till All Have Heard* mission.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AND LIFE OF SAINT PAUL. For Kids ages 3-13. Sundays (excused after the Gospel). Crafts, songs, snacks, Spirit! Come on Back! See you all Sundays about 10:20 a.m. See Emalee for details.

Book bag project sponsors! Thanks and praise to all the Book Bag Project Sponsors, thanks to them we filled thirty beautiful book bags – three of which the Witt youngsters can enjoy.
Emalee Smith (9/12,19,26)

Sanctuary level bathroom available. A sanctuary bathroom is located in the pastor's office. Use the south side sanctuary aisle and enter the office just before the exit steps to the downstairs. Once in the office go up the stairs on the left.

Bulletin items should be received by Thursday, 11 am, to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or 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 depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (made payable to Denise Waicker) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service

Mark Smith. Thanks to everyone for your prayers. Mark recovered very well and returned to work on August 30th. (9/12,19,26)

PRAYER REQUESTS

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our "Til All Have Heard" Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord

- Jean Heeman, who is recovering
- Bill Hermann, who is battling Parkinson's
- Joseph Woah-tee, missing and whereabouts unknown
- John Rebstock, suffering from sciatica and kidney disease
- Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
- Ray Will, who is having back problems