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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL at 10:00 a.m.: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL 10 a.m.

January 7

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalms 72:1–11 (12–15)

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come.”

All kings will bow down to Him.

You will be able to understand.

The visit of the Magi

Paul preaches Christ to the Gentile nations. No longer is Jesus of Bethlehem to be renowned in Israel alone. He abolishes the darkness of all peoples. Nations come to His light, kings to the brightness of His rising. It is the bright Epiphany star that guides Eastern Wise Men to the Christ Child. They worship Him, give Him extravagant treasures. Now it is Christ who bestows His divine riches on all peoples that confess His name.

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Psalms 139:1–10

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

John 1:43–51

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Lord calls Samuel.

“O Lord, You have searched me and known me!”

“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”

The calling of Philip and Nathanael

The Lord persists. He speaks, we listen; by faith, we are able to respond. Samuel is roused from his sleep repeatedly and is finally encouraged to respond, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.” Jesus bids Philip to follow, and he does. Jesus claims to have known Nathanael, and in turn Nathanael confesses that Jesus is the Son of God. We, too, can only be responsive to God’s will once we have heard His Word and believe.

January 21

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalms 62

1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)

Mark 1:14–20

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Call for repentance

“On God rests my salvation and my glory.”

Time is growing short.

“I will make you become fishers of men.”

Repent and believe. This is today’s refrain. The people of Nineveh, in sackcloth garments, turn away from evil. In response, God turns aside and does not pass judgment. Jesus preaches the same thing: repent and believe! Turning away from all sin, worldly distraction, and even daily labor is difficult. And yet, we ought to be aware of the urgency to leave all things behind and follow Jesus, for the kingdom of God is near.

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"The Lord Your God will raise up for you a prophet."

"Great are the works of the Lord"

"Love builds up."

Jesus heals the man possessed by an evil spirit.

Jesus' authority is unmistakable. He is the prophet foretold, who will speak the word of truth. This holy word of truth in Jesus commands, restrains, and rebukes evil spirits. Divine wisdom and action in Christ trump the knowledge of men. It is He alone who builds up people in everlasting love. We can only boast that Jesus loves us because we are fully known by God. By His authority, our weaknesses are cared for and our sins forgiven.

Ministry Notes

New Online Zoom Class at Immanuel

Pastor Minetree will be teaching a class on 1st-3rd Letters of John. John is referred to as the apostle of love. He wrote the Gospel and letters that bear his name. He also wrote Revelation. In these three brief letters, John packs a great amount of teaching about our Lord and a Christian's life of love. The class will be held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pastor is gaging interest in the times: noon or 6:30 PM start times. Please send pastor an email (cmintree@verizon.net) as to the time you prefer. This class is open to all. The class will begin on Thursday, February 1st. A ZOOM link and study sheets will be emailed to those registered for the class.

The Bible study on James resumes Wednesday, January 10th at Noon. We meet each 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Bring your lunch and join us at Immanuel.

A donation in memory of John Pickering was made by Julie Goeller

A donation to the Altar Guild in memory of John Pickering was made by L. K. Sylvester

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 (make payable to Denise Waicker) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

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

-For peace in Ukraine

-Lillian Cooperman, friend of Ray Ward, who has stage 4 colon cancer

-Mitchell Larrabee, nephew of Denise Waicker, for safe travels to Florida as he embarks on a new career

-Denise Waicker who is still recovering from COVID

-Ted Henn, who is in the hospital recovering from complications of a fall

-Gerhard Ehlerding who had minor surgery

-Kevin, brother of Sylvia Witt who is recovering from a seizure

-Dottie Friant who is recovering at home

-Robert Sigler, being treated for cancer

-Ryan Schwartz, who broke his neck in a diving accident

-April as she does her job search to get closer to home

-Harry Bortner who has cancer

-April's dad, for continued good health. The doctors found left over cancer cells.

-Bradley Will, son of Ray, who is losing his battle with cancer

-Naomi Kruelle for health issues

-John Kruelle battling cancer

-Diana, friend of Denise Waicker, who has been diagnosed with cancer

-Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg

-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

4 Augusta Ibenana
5 Scott McDonnell
6 Jane Derry
12 Lillian Noel
14 Sarah McDonnell
16 Andrea Fuller
19 Richard Kruelle
29 Mark Smith
Roland Obedekah
31 Fay Husted

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
January 7	Nina Ward/Elaine Schwab			
January 14				
January 21 January 38	Mary Ruble/Veronica Hylton			

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 am Adult Bible Study Sunday School 10 am Worship & Holy Comm. 12 pm Christ Eritrean	8	9	10 Noon Bible study and lunch	11	12	13 10 am Compassion Ctr 10 am Wings
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