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

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

November 1

Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

All Saint's Day

The great multitude in white robes

"The Lord takes pleasure in His people."

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!"

The Beatitudes

The confession resounds in every time and place by all believing peoples, tribes, and churches: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" These words emanate from faith-filled saints who belong to Jesus. In His eternal presence, the beloved saints are utterly content in endless service and worship. Saints are the ones forever blessed, comforted, satisfied, and rewarded, because their inheritance is the very kingdom of God.

November 7

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Elijah and the widow of Zarephath

"The Lord upholds the widow and the fatherless."

Christ will appear a second time.

The widow's mite

God sustains life through simple, meager gifts. For Elijah, a widow, and her son, life is sustained through a scant portion of flour and water. Another widow's incidental coins, given out of poverty, are heralded as more valuable than sums of money given out of wealth. God discerns righteous things that proceed from the heart. He also judges heartless pretense and arrogance. Beneath the canopy of God's care for us in Christ, His Law condemns and His Gospel redeems.

November 14

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-13

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Everyone's name in the book of life will be delivered.

"You will not abandon me to the grave."

"I will remember their sins no more."

"He who stands firm to the end will be saved."

God's people endure significant hardship. God intervenes, providing protection, sacrifice, and courage. He commands the archangel Michael to care for Israel. Christ, the great High Priest, offers Himself as the pure sacrifice for all sins. Therefore, our heavenly Father graciously remembers our rebellious sins and lawless deeds no more. What comfort as we are propelled toward the Day of Judgment—a day marked by persecution, war, famine, and earthquakes! And yet, in the midst of these hardships, faith endures.

November 21

Isaiah 51:4–6

Psalm 93

Jude 20–25

Mark 13:24–37

Last Sunday of the Church Year

“But my salvation will last forever.”

“The Lord reigns.”

“Keep yourselves in the love of God.”

“You do not know when that time will come.”

The revelation of a new heaven and earth will be dramatic in the tumultuous last days. But God’s salvation will prevail, lasting forever, through the reign of the Alpha and Omega—Jesus Christ, our Lord. He alone will judge with equity and truth, righteousness and grace. For this Last Day, we anticipate and watch, ceaseless in prayer, kept in God’s love, waiting for the final revelation of God’s mercy. “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

November 25

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

Psalm 67

Philippians 4:6–20

1 Timothy 2:1–4

Luke 17:11–19

Day of Thanksgiving

“The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land.”

“Let the people praise You, O God.”

“Let your requests be made known to God.”

“I urge that prayers be made for everyone.”

Jesus heals the ten lepers.

Good land produces generous produce to nourish and preserve life. This goodness proceeds from the generosity, bounty, and grace of God. Therefore, in prayer and supplication, we offer thanksgiving to Him, content in all circumstances, grateful for sustenance needed for our body, soul, and spirit. So also when God eradicates disease through His Word, we rejoice in His omnipotent grace and power

November 28

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 25:1–10

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Luke 19:28–40

or Luke 21:25–36

First Sunday in Advent

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line.

To You I lift up my soul.

May the Lord make your love increase.

The triumphant entry

Signs of the end of the age

Behold, the days are coming—judgment, justice, and righteousness are imminent with the incarnation of Jesus. We are seized with Advent anticipation as we wait, hopeful for Him—the righteousness of David, Judah, and Jerusalem—to split the heavens open and come down. We are bold to proclaim Christ, the King who comes in the name of the Lord, for He is the one who creates, nourishes, and sustains our faith that in turn, we may abound in love.

Ministry Notes



Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 7th

A Disciple’s Worship – Immanuel’s Fall 2021 Stewardship Emphasis

A Christian’s life is to be marked by good works. Now these aren’t just any works but works that God has in mind for this people to do. ***Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)*** ⁸ ***For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*** ⁹ ***not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*** ¹⁰ ***For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*** And.... ***Titus 3:4-8 (ESV)*** ⁴ ***But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,*** ⁵ ***he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the***

washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ **The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.**

Lutherans often shy away from talking about Good Works that Christians are expected to do. We are afraid that people might get the idea that good works are what saves us from our sin. As the above passages, which talk about God's Works and Our Works, make it clear that it is God who saves and does so without the help of a person. Salvation, redemption, is a work God has done through Jesus Christ. Jesus took our sin and judgement on Himself. He suffered and died in our place to pay for our sin. Jesus gives us His righteousness, faith, and life in our Baptism through His resurrection. " ⁸ **For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**"

A Christian's Good Works are a response, a thanksgiving, and act of praise, for what God has done for them in Jesus life, death, and resurrection. They are a response to God's gift. Disciples are called on by God to "witness" what God has done for them. We do this by telling people about Jesus. This is part of our worship of God. We are to worship God by word and DEED. Our life and our word. **James 2:14-18 (ESV)** ¹⁴ **What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?** ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ **So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.** ¹⁸ **But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

We are in the time of year in our congregation life where we talk about Stewardship. We usually associate this with our pledges and money offerings. Biblical Stewardship is much more. Stewardship and worship are inextricably linked. A Christian's life is lived in thanksgiving and worship and that's what stewardship is. Our good works and our serving others is how we worship and thank God.

When we talk about good works and serving God we most often think about what we are going to do for "the church" our "congregation." This isn't the direction taken

by the above passages. Churches that have larger numbers of people and finances can be staff driven. Staff is called (or hired) to guide disciples in service to the congregation. Churches with less in finances might be program driven where members organize and execute various congregation programs of service for the members. Small congregation with little in the way of finances, (like ours) will approach good works and serving in a way that is closer to what we find in the passages and ACTS. Our focus this year will be on individual disciple good works and serving.

To be sure, we will still pledge our offerings of treasure. We still have need to serve together as a group. These are part of our discipleship life. They are what we do when the individual disciple cannot accomplish what God has planned. The Christian's life centers on gathering together for Word and Sacrament.

Our emphasis this year will be on what are you doing day in and day out in Good Works and Serving others as worship of God. These are the things we do, along with our verbal witness, to glorify God every day. Do you check on your neighbors? Do you bring a meal to someone who is ill? Do you tutor a child struggling in school? Do you give away vegetables from your garden? How do you show your faith by your Good Works?

During our time in the Divine Service in November we will hear from fellow disciples who share Christ by serving. We will have special messages about Good Works and Serving as disciples. We will consider how to live more obvious lives as followers of Jesus.

Sunday Themes

November 7th. Why do Christians seek to do good works and what are they? **Ephesians 2:8-10**

November 14th. The Church Serves but who is the Church? **1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

November 21st. God equips us for good works and service. **1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (ESV)**

November 28th. When we serve together. (Consecration Sunday) **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**

Please join us each Sunday in November as we reflect on "A Disciple's Worship" and prepare to bring forward our 2022 pledge on Consecration Sunday

Pastor Minetree

We are restarting a prayer chain at Immanuel. If you have not already joined, it is not too late. Contact Ray Spitznas at 410-949-6242 or via email:

spitznas@icloud.com. Whether a member of the chain or not, members are encouraged to bring their requests for prayers to us at any time. Contact Ray, as above.

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 is included in the October *Herald*. Details also available on our website immanuellutheran.org.

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 *'Til All Have Heard* mission.

Two tickets to a Raven's game this season in a deluxe suite (food and drink included) \$25/chance (\$1500 value); winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Bull Roast and Shrimp Feast. To benefit Immanuel Lutheran's Outreach Mission. There are 250 raffle tickets available. See Denise Waicker or call 443-981-0019 to purchase.

Saturday, November 13th at 12 noon SACRED MUSIC CELEBRATION of ETERNAL LIFE in honor of Dr. Richard O. Wegner (who passed into eternal rest on December 27th, 2020) to be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church. There will be organ, flute and choir performances by some of his former students, many of whom are well known organists.

Lunch reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial donations honoring Dr. Wegner may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, including donations to service the Wegner pipe organ. Thank you, Muriel Hopkins.

Dr. Richard Wegner Memorial Organ Fund

Immanuel has established the Dr. Richard Wegner Memorial Organ Fund in honor of our late Music Director and organist, Dr. Richard Wegner. For 68 years, Dr. Wegner served Immanuel as organist, choir director, and teacher. He taught approximately 200 organ students and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Music Degree from Concordia Teachers' College in River Forest, Illinois. Proceeds from the fund will be used for valuable and

essential maintenance of the church organ and for the support of Immanuel's music programs.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, please make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church (memo line – Wegner Memorial Organ Fund), and send it to:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
P. O. Box 66475
Baltimore, MD 21239

Alternately, you may go to the church's web page, www.immanuellutheran.org, and click the DONATE button. Please be sure to specify that your gift is for the Wegner Memorial Organ Fund.

Baltimore Choral Arts Society Christmas Concert

The Baltimore Choral Arts Society will be at Immanuel to present a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 12 at 3 PM. Please put this date and time on your calendar now and come and hear Christmas anthems in our sanctuary which provides probably the best acoustics for choral music within the Baltimore /Washington area. Special donations in support of this concert can be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church and designated to Baltimore Choral Arts Christmas Concert, 2021. This concert is being promoted outside of the congregation, so come early for a good seat. There is no charge for admission with a free will offering to be taken to offset expenses. (10/31-12/11)

Immanuel Compassion Center and the Miracle of Christmas

- Did you know that Immanuel's Compassion Center has been serving our community by providing food, clothing, and spiritual care since April 2008?
- Did you know that the amount of space allocated for Compassion Center operations has more than doubled over the last few months including the addition of a new room to make available clothing, toys, and other related items to children?
- Did you know that on a recent Saturday morning, a total of 21 clients were served, 15 bags of food distributed, and 40 articles of clothing provided to those in need?
- Did you know that preparations are currently underway to provide food and gifts for Christmas

to 20 families that include 29 adults and 35 children or grandchildren?

- Did you know that that only our two pastors and four lay volunteers are involved in the operation of the Immanuel Compassion Center? (And that there were over 30 volunteers involved when the center was opened in April 2008)?

The Immanuel Compassion Center is seeking additional volunteers to assist with the operation of the Compassion Center and to help prepare for the Miracle of Christmas that will take place at the Compassion Center on Friday, December 17 at 10 AM. If you can help, please talk to Elaine Schwab or Steve Heemann. Please also note that the Compassion Center is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 10 AM until 12 Noon. If you can help by volunteering for one Saturday each month or even one Saturday every other month, please let us know. It is our prayer that the operation of our Compassion Center can be sustained and serve families in need for many years ahead. (10/31-12/17)

HOME COMMUNION

If you wish to receive the Holy Communion elements (the bread and wine) for use with the streamed Sunday Divine Service and cannot get to the church to pick them up, please email pastor (cminetree@verizon.net) or call the church office (410-435-6861.) Pastor will make a no contact drop of the elements at your house.

CALLING ALL YOUTH – 5TH GRADE AND UP. Acolytes and crucifers needed Sundays, 9:45 a.m. Will train. Your opportunity to share your shining faces and your spirit to your Immanuel family. See Emalee Smith or Pastors for more information.

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.

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

- June Dennis at the sudden passing of her daughter, Lynn. She died on October 21 due to the effects of pancreatic cancer
- Bill Staton, nephew of Lola Barnes, who is waiting heart transplant surgery
- Nyeinpu Woahtee, due soon to give birth
- Deidre Dennis awaiting test results
- Wendie Wegner, wife of Jay Wegner, who is battling cancer
- Rosemarie, daughter of Filleseta James, for healing of her left leg
- 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

Birthdays:

- 2 Keisha English
Dorothy Wolff
- 7 Joshua Minetree
- 11 Daphne Klautky
Christy St. Clair
- 12 Nyewoe Barwulor
- 13 Guenter Schwab
- 19 Kay Lietzau
- 23 Eyibio Adah
Ginger Glindemann
Scott Heemann
- 28 Nsebong Adah

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
Nov 7	Sally Hermann Margaret Mitchell	Gerhard Ehlerding		Sylvanus Ibenana
Nov 14		Mary Ruble		Denise Waicker
Nov 21	Fay Husted Veronica Hylton	Carolyn Henn		Steve Heeman
Nov 28		Sandy Collins		Sylvanus Ibenana

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ALL Saint's Day	2	3	4	5	6 10 am Wings
7 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship and Holy Communion 1 to 5 pm 'Til All Have Heard mission Shrimp Feast/Bull Roast, Rosedale Gardens	8 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30 pm LRIA Board	10	11	12	13 10 am Compassion Center 12 pm Wegner memorial service; luncheon Fellowship Hall
14 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship and Holy Communion	15 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6 pm Finance Comm.	17 7pm Council Meeting	18	19	20 10 am Wings
21 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship and Holy Communion	22 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 Thanksgiving Eve service	25 THANKSGIVING	26	27 10 am Compassion Center
28 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship and Holy Communion	29 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	30				

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Events of area LCMS churches, entities,
and Recognized Service Organizations
(Deadline for December edition: November 20)

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

THANKSGIVING EVE VESPERS 7:30p *Our Saviour, Ednor Gardens*

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP 10a *Martini Lutheran, South*

Baltimore

Eat and Celebrate, for a Purpose

BULL AND SHRIMP FEAST *Immanuel Lutheran, Baltimore* Sun. Nov. 7, 1-5p, \$45. Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Rd. Extensive menu, live music, The Reputations, auctions, fellowship! All proceeds fund Rev. Lucas Witt as a missionary to Baltimore. See Facebook, *Til all have Heard Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast*

ANNUAL DINNER *LMS Compassion Place*
Sun. Nov. 7, 2-5p, \$50. Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena. Tables for 8 to 10. Afternoon of faith, food and fun benefiting LMS Compassion Place ministries! Info/Tickets: tickets@CompassionPlace.org or Cathy at 410-636-0123.

Make! Offer! Give!

CROCHET/KNIT FOR THE NEEDY *Faith Lutheran, Eldersburg* Prayer Shawl Ministry is seeking new members who can crochet or knit items for the needy in Baltimore City. They will supply yarn (and patterns, if necessary). Call Marlyn Maufer if interested 410.795.2331

WINTER COAT COLLECTION *Orphan Grain Train, Millersville, MD* Nov. 1-Dec. 15. Collecting new and gently used warm winter coats for men, women, and children. Drop off at the OGT Warehouse, 621 East West Blvd., Millersville, every Tues 9a-12 noon and 5-7p or Sat., Nov. 13, 9-12 noon. Contact Irene Giguere 410.747.1619.

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Feed the Hungry in Jesus' Name

THANKSGIVING DINNER *St. Thomas Lutheran, Carrollton Ridge* Free to all. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 12:30-4:30. Volunteer to cook turkeys, donate food, do prep work, give away coats, sign people up for Christmas items, serve on Thanksgiving Day. Monetary donations offer flexibility to purchase items not given. Contact Cricket at 443.629.7117 or St.ThomasLutheran@yahoo.com.

Call also for opportunities to help on other days in preparation if you can't come on Thanksgiving Day.

Travel

Go Places with Fellow LCMS Lutherans!

LUTHERAN HOUR FLOAT *Pasadena, California*
Dec. 28 for 6 day 5 night: Decorate Lutheran Hour Rose Parade float! Sightsee Hollywood, Reagan Presidential Library etc.; attend Behind the Scenes Party, view parade from reserved area. Some meals incl. Per-person options: \$950 (Holiday Inn, self-directed) or \$1,870.00 (Hilton, the tour). Plus air fare. Email Dick Gast chairman@petalpushers.org; 949.230.2501, Detailed info: PetalPushers.org

Holy Land Tour

See the Holy Land: then the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, with Pastor David Maack. June 18-30, 2022. Walk where Jesus walked, taught and performed miracles. Then on to the largest Passion Play in the world. Contact Pastor Maack at dmaack@compassionplace.org.

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When you go, say you saw it in *The Baltimore Bulletin Insert!*

Pray for all of the churches and ministries listed in *The Baltimore Bulletin Insert.*