

# THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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## NOVEMBER 2020

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**DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL:** In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available over Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baltimore's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-Baltimore-MD-259497214072957/>).

### **November 1**

Revelation 7:9-17  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 8**

Amos 5:18-24  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 15**

Zephaniah 1:7-16  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### **November 22**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
Matthew 25:31-46

### **November 25**

Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
Philippians 4:6-20 or  
1 Timothy 2:1-4  
Luke 17:11-19

### **November 29**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 or  
Mark 11:1-10  
Mark 13:24-37

### **All Saints' Day**

*The great multitude in white robes*  
*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!*  
*The Beatitudes*

### **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

*"Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord."*  
*The coming of the Lord*  
*The parable of the ten virgins*

### **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*"The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast."*  
*"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."*  
*The parable of the talents*

### **The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

*"I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out."*  
*"In Christ, all shall be made alive."*  
*The sheep and the goats*

### **Thanksgiving Eve**

*"The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land."*  
*"Let your requests be made known to God."*  
*I urge that prayers be made for everyone.*  
*Healing of the ten lepers*

### **First Sunday in Advent**

*"Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down."*  
*"He will keep you strong to the end."*  
*Jesus entry into Jerusalem*  
*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."*

## Ministry Notes

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### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

Immanuel's Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will be moving from the ZOOM meeting set up to Facebook Live. In doing this, not extra links need to be sent. Anyone is welcomed to join the class live at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays. While there cannot be the same interaction with online participants, the teacher will be able to view the comments being made on Facebook as the class is being presented live. The class will also now be available in recorded format on Immanuel's Facebook site for later viewing. We will make this change on November 1st.

### **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 is 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.

### **ALL SAINTS CEMETERY SERVICE**

Immanuel's All Saints Sunday cemetery service for 2020 has been canceled. This is due to the necessity of having the service outside at the cemetery since the chapel does not offer space for social distancing. It is felt that the outside temperature will be too cool to be comfortable for the service. Prayerfully this service can resume in 2021.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Immanuel's Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service will be Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 P.M. This service will be streamed over Facebook live too.

### **WEDNESDAY FACEBOOK LIVE CLASS ON THE BOOK OF JAMES**

Pastor Minetree continues to teach the Book of James on Immanuel's Facebook live site. The live version of the class is Wednesdays starting at noon. The class is 30 minutes long. The class is also recorded and available for later viewing over the Facebook site.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Immanuel's Wednesday Advent Services are scheduled to begin Wednesday, December 2nd. This year these services will be presented in brief devotion forms of 30 minutes over Immanuel's Facebook Live Site. The live version will be at noon and the service is recorded and available over our Facebook site for later viewing.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET PRESENCE TEAM**

Pastor Minetree is assembling a team to improve and expand Immanuel's online presence. The expansion will include Bible Studies, Divine Services and Special services, Funeral services, Wedding services, Devotions by pastoral and lay members, Announcements and Commercials, Follow up on social media visitors, Children's Content. If you are interested in joining the team to write, present, perform, provide technical assistance, or add ideas send an email to [cminetree@immanuelutheran.org](mailto:cminetree@immanuelutheran.org).

### **MAIL DELIVERY DELAYS AND A NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR IMMANUEL**

You are probably aware through recent news reports that the post office has experienced problems with mail delivery on a timely basis. An example of this is that Immanuel recently received numerous pieces of mail that we sent first class and postmarked in early July, but not delivered to the church until the third week of August. Please be aware that anything that is mailed to the church is subject to this type of delay which results in frustration

and inconvenience to both the church and the sender. In order to minimize or eliminate mail delivery problems, Immanuel has opened a post office box and will pick up all mail directly from the post office from this box.

Effective immediately, it is requested that the following new mailing address be utilized for all mail coming to Immanuel:

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
PO Box 66475  
Baltimore, MD 21239

**Please note the correct P.O. Box is 66475, not 666475 as was stated in the October Herald.**

Thank You!

### **HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM INSTALLATION UPDATE**

The installation of Immanuel's new heating and air conditioning system continues with completion anticipated early this fall. Even though work to install the new system began early this summer, the existing air conditioning system has continued to be available. As the installation moves toward completion, the current air conditioning system will be removed and there will be no air conditioning in the sanctuary or fellowship hall. We hope that the anticipated cooler fall temperatures that are on the way will keep the church comfortable when air conditioning is not available.

### **"TIL ALL HAVE HEARD" MISSION FUNDING CAMPAIGN SET TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 2021**

As you know, Immanuel called the Rev. Lucas Witt last October to be Missionary to Baltimore and Immanuel's Associate Pastor. This Call was extended when an overwhelming majority of those attending the Voters Assembly last October voted to proceed with a new and exciting mission strategy here at Immanuel. This Call was also extended with the understanding that a Mission Funding Campaign with the goal to raise a total of \$225,000 was necessary and would be completed to provide funding for this new ministry which was to be outside of our regular church budget.

*The twice delayed "Til All Have Heard" mission funding campaign will take place during the Lenten season, beginning on February 21, 2021 and with Commitment Sunday on March 28, 2021. (These dates are about one month later than the dates announced in last month's Herald so that the campaign can be held during the*

Lenten season). This new three-year campaign will provide funding for the Missionary for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Due to the continuing threat of Covid, the Mission Funding Campaign will take place both in person and virtually. Needless to say, the process that will be used will be very different from the one originally planned for earlier this year that was postponed. While we are now able to gather for worship and other activities, we will still need to deviate significantly from the original plans due to restrictions and the desire of some of us not to gather together until the threat from Covid is further diminished. We pray that the Lord would guide our ways and open our hearts to generously support this new missionary ministry.

Please remember that the Mission Funding Campaign represents a special three year commitment to raise the funds needed over and above what we have raised through our "All This Is From God" fall stewardship emphasis. A successful Mission Funding Campaign is achieved through sacrificial, "over and above" giving during the three years of the campaign. Please continue to pray for Pastor Witt and this new ministry here at Immanuel and for a successful Mission Funding Campaign. It is important to keep our focus and plans for the support of this ministry that we hope will be a significant piece of our future. We look forward to the completion of this special Mission Funding Campaign so that others can be reached for Christ.

### **PLANNING FOR YOUR WORSHIP CALENDAR FOR FALL OF 2020**

November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Sunday.  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 25<sup>th</sup> is our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Service is 7:00pm. There will be no Thanksgiving Day Service  
November 29<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday in Advent  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> are our Wednesday Advent Services held at 12:10pm and 7pm. These services will all be in the sanctuary for proper social distancing.  
December 13<sup>th</sup> is Choir Christmas Sunday  
December 20<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Program  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm is our Early Christmas Eve Service and 9pm is our late Service. Both services will be the same.

### **COMPASSION CENTER NEWS**

**Immanuel's Compassion Center is closed.**

### **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
- Veronica Hylton, who lost her mother-in-law
- Sonja Tate, who is battling cancer
- Doug, who is recovering after electrocution

**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

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**



CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
<b>November 1</b>	Sally Hermann/ Margaret Mitchell			
<b>November 8</b>				
<b>November 15</b>	Carolyn Henn/ Rita Alcarese/ Jeanne Pfitzinger			
<b>November 22</b>				
<b>November 29</b>				

## November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i> 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Agape Group</b> ( <i>Ray Spitznas</i> )	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12pm <b>James Bible Class on Facebook Live</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 am <b>The Real Wings</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Agape Group</b> ( <i>Ray Spitznas</i> )	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12pm <b>James Bible Class on Facebook Live</b> 6 pm <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b> 7 pm <b>Church Council</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>23</b> <b>IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE</b> <b>Agape Group</b> ( <i>Ray Spitznas</i> )	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12pm <b>James Bible Class on Facebook Live</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 9 am <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 10 am <b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Agape Group</b> ( <i>Ray Spitznas</i> )					