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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Romans 7:1-13
Matthew 10:34-42

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

True and false prophets
"You have died to the law through the body of Christ."
I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:14-25a
Matthew 11:25-30

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!"
"I know that nothing good lives in me."
"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened."

July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"My Word will accomplish what I desire."
"Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
Parable of the sower of the seed

July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"Apart from Me there is no God."
"The Spirit....intercedes for us."
Parable of the weeds among the wheat

July 30

Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"for you are a people holy to the Lord your God."
"God works for the good of those who love Him."
The kingdom of heaven

Ministry Notes

SPECIAL SERVICE AND RECEPTION HONORING OUR PASTOR'S 30 YEARS OF MINISTRY TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JULY 9!

This year, Pastor Minetree reaches the special milestone of 30 years in ministry since his ordination on July 5, 1987. To celebrate and to thank God for these years of ministry, a special worship service has been planned that will take place on *Sunday, July 9 at 10 AM*. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us that day!

Our guest worship leader and proclaimer that day will be Rev. Don Schaefer who serves as a member of the Southeastern District Staff as Facilitator for Mission Engagement. You are also invited to a reception that will take place immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the special service and the reception in honor of the Minetrees that is planned for July 9!

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

At the May 21 congregational meeting, the congregation voted unanimously to reconvene the former Board of Lay Ministry. This recommendation was proposed as those of us currently serving in leadership roles tend to focus more on the operation of the church (Ministry Among Us) rather than areas of care and outreach ministry (Ministry Around Us). The result is an unintentional focus on internal matters and more limited efforts toward member care and reaching others for Christ.

In order to provide details as to the plans for how the Board of Lay Ministry will operate to address the areas of care and outreach ministry, we have scheduled an informational meeting for Thursday, July 6 at 7 PM at church. We would encourage anyone who may be interested in serving with this group to attend this meeting to receive an update as to how the Board of Lay Ministry will be organized and what types of tasks it will undertake. Then, prayerfully consider joining this group.

Please plan to join us on July 6. You can RSVP by speaking or writing to Mark Smith, msmith@centuryeng.com or Steve Heemann, sheemann@se.lcms.org. You may also leave your name with Laura at the church office. We look forward to seeing you.

INTRODUCING MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH IMMANUEL!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is on your favorite social media sites, so you can stay in touch with us on more than just Sundays. Link up with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to discover the latest news, see pictures, and learn about upcoming events.

To find us on Facebook, simply search "Immanuel Lutheran Church Baltimore" and 'Like' our page. To follow us on Twitter and Instagram here are the links to those pages: twitter.com/BmoreImmanuel and instagram.com/BmoreImmanuel

Don't have a social media account? All these pages are open to anyone, so we invite you to take a peek.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Mayampu Paye, Cecelia Woah-Tee's mother, who is ill
- Carl Tresselt, who is being treated for cancer
- Dick Goeller, who is being treated for Lyme Disease
- Rosemarie Wilson, daughter of Phyllis James, who is ill
- Lisa Lewis, daughter of June Dennis, who is ill

- Michael Gilmore and family as he battles cancer
- Ruth Waicker
- Ken Robertson, son of Shirley Robertson, who is being treated for cancer
- Henrietta Solanka
- Denise Waicker, who is recovering from foot surgery
- Ray Ward, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Ray Will, who is recovering from surgery
- Urtella Coffey, who is recovering at home after a fall
- Vi Wegner, who is hospitalized at Good Sam

Birthdays:

- 2 Carolyn Henn
- 3 Keira Huhra
- 7 Jordan Gordon
- 10 Jacob Pfitzinger
- 11 Martha Falk
- 12 Olivia Elbers
- 15 Gabriel Tenabe
- 16 Amy Bishop
- 23 Delores Harvey
- 25 Ray Spitznas
- 26 Coreathia Davis
- 27 Gerhard Ehlerding
Jean Heemann
- 28 Amanda Thomas
- 30 Virginia Metzger

Anniversaries:

- 1 Ted & Carolyn Henn
Jerry & Mary Ruble

CELEBRATING THE 500 ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION!

For the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I have several special items planned. Each month, beginning November 2016, there will be an article in the Herald on a famous "face" of the reformation. There is a bible study to complement this. I will also offer a video-based course "A Man Named Martin." This three-part course will be given at different times for each multi-week part. I will offer the first beginning in winter, the second in spring/summer of 2017 and the third will be offered next fall. Finally, the Herald calendar will include events from the reformation beginning this month and continuing into Reformation 2017. Other possible Bible Class (weekday or Sunday) topics include: The Lutheran Identity (Confessional Writings of the Lutheran Church), Lutheranism 101, The Lutheran Difference, History of the Church from the Reformation until Today, and Lutheran Spirituality. Please indicate to me your interest in any of these courses.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Erasmus, Scholar of the Enlightenment eclipsed by Luther and the Reformation



Erasmus of Rotterdam

ERASMUS OF ROTTERDAM

Born: Oct. 28, 1466

Died: July 12, 1536

MARTIN ELEUTHERIUS — WHICH MEANS “MARTIN, THE FREE MAN” — is how Martin Luther signed his name for a while. Hellenizing names, modeling them after Greek words, was the fashion among young scholars who had been influenced by humanism, a movement characterized by a renewed interest in the ancient writers of Greece and Rome.

The most important representative of humanism in Northern Europe was Desiderius Erasmus. Born in the Netherlands, Erasmus had studied in Paris and Turin, lectured in Cambridge and worked for a publisher in Basel. He was a man of the world and a prolific scholar.

Like Luther, he had criticized abuses in the Roman Catholic Church, but Erasmus had a different understanding of Christianity altogether. Pressured by the pope, Erasmus (who saw Christianity as an ethical philosophy for which dogma was unimportant) attacked Luther for denying free will. Luther's response, *Bondage of the Will*, clearly articulates the sinner's complete dependence upon God's grace. The Reformation was about more than humanism's academic freedom; it was about freedom from the bondage of sin in Christ.



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CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| | Altar Guild | Lay Reader | Liturgist | Communion Assistant |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 2 | Mary Ruble | Gerhard Ehlerding | Mark Smith | Sylvanus Ibenana |
| July 9 | | Jean Heemann | Steve Heeman | Dave Pfitzinger |
| July 16 | | Carolyn Henn | Rick McDonnell | Albert Lietzau IV |
| July 23 | Sally Hermann/ Phyllis Rebstock | Mary Ruble | Ted Henn | Albert Lietzau V |
| July 30 | | Ted Henn | <i>No Communion, Fifth Sunday</i> | |

July 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 <i>The first Protestant martyrs are burned in Brussels .1523</i> |
| <p>2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:45 am New Zion Ministries</p> | <p>3 Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) <i>Luther writes that he is extremely pleased with the Augsburg Confession. 1530</i></p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5 6:30 pm LRIA BOD</p> | <p>6 <i>Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, is executed for treason. 1535</i></p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 <i>A uniform Protestant confession is proposed in Saalfeld .1529</i></p> |
| <p>9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Pastor Minetree 30th Anniversary of Ordination 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30 am Special Reception 11:45 am New Zion Ministries</p> | <p>10 Agape Group (Ray Spitznas) <i>John Calvin is born. 1509</i></p> | <p>11 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study <i>The Wittenberg Articles are approved by visiting church leaders from England. 1536</i></p> | <p>12 <i>Desiderius Erasmus, Dutch scholar and the first editor of the Greek New Testament, dies in Basel. 1536</i></p> | <p>13 <i>Luther's writings are burned at Antwerp. 1556</i></p> | <p>14 <i>The third session of the Leipzig Debate between John Eck and Luther begins.1556</i></p> | <p>15 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center</p> |
| <p>16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:45 am New Zion Ministries</p> | <p>17 Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</p> | <p>18 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting</p> | <p>19 7 pm Church Council</p> | <p>20 <i>John Calvin arrives in Geneva, eventually making that city the center of the Reformed Church. 1539</i></p> | <p>21 <i>The third session of the Leipzig Debate between John Eck and Luther begins.1556</i></p> | <p>22 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center</p> |
| <p>23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:45 am New Zion Ministries</p> | <p>24 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)</p> | <p>25 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 <i>Luther preaches for the first time about indulgences. 1516</i></p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center</p> |
| <p>30 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:45 am New Zion Ministries</p> | <p>31</p> | | | | | |