

Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class:
9:00 a.m.

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Music Director

Dr. Richard Wegner,
*Minister of Music,
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Matthew 1:23
“The virgin will
be with child
and will give
birth to a son,
and they will
call him
Immanuel”—
which means,
“God with us.”

NIV

“Out of
his heart
will flow
rivers
of living
water”

John 7:38

Immanuel Lutheran Church
The Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020
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.

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: All Services are live streamed only until further notice. The live stream is available over Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baltimore's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-Baltimore-MD-259497214072957/>).

YOUR PLEDGE AND OFFERING

Immanuel's leadership reminds you that your offering is still essential to our congregation. We continue to support our pastors and staff. Even though the building is empty, there are still obligations to meet. We ask that you do what you can to honor your pledges. Electronic giving through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund giving program is strongly encouraged. Please call Laura Higgins for more information on setting up this account. You may also use US Mail services to send in your offering. There is also a donate button on our website (immanuellutheran.org). Thank You.

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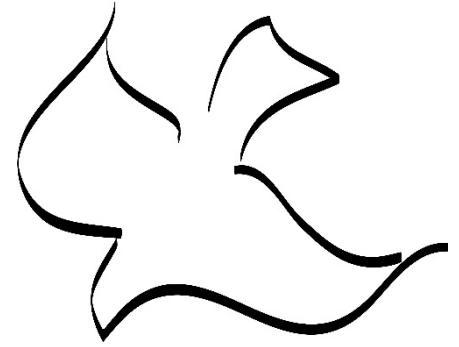
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See Ministry Notes at the end of the bulletin for important announcements.

AS WE GATHER

Today we recall the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's resurrection. In God's wisdom, this is one of the feasts all were required to attend in Jerusalem. In this way God provided for the largest gathering from the farthest reaches where His people lived in order to discover what Pentecost was really all about. Today with the lavish outpouring of God Himself, the Holy Spirit, "the Lord and giver of life," would proclaim the glory of salvation and eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God.



So today we hear the Word of God spoken to us in our own language, that powerful, mighty Word through which the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens the gift of saving faith in us. This faith is like living water flowing through our entire being bringing the refreshment of the forgiveness of all of our sins and a new and godly purpose for the living of our days. The water Jesus gives is the true water of life.

ORGAN PRELUDE - "Komm, Heiliger Geist"/BWV 652 – Johann Sebastian Bach

*The melody for this Chorale Prelude is our Hymn of the Day #497
with text by Martin Luther, in a setting by Bach*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN - #906 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "O Day of Rest and Gladness"



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.**

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: **Amen.**

READING

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY - #497 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON – Catch the Wind

CREED *Nicene Creed*

**People: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing, that they be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need, that they have patience

in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all Your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in Your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, that we await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN - #913 LSB (Maroon Hymnal) "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE - "Komm, Heiliger Geist"/BWV 651 – Johann Sebastian Bach *Here the melody for Hymn #497 appears in the pedal*

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Ministry Notes

IMPORTANT: Since Baltimore City remains under the Mayor's Stay-at-Home order, Immanuel will not hold services at the building until that order is lifted.

LETTER TO CONGREGATION (Coming in the mail next week)

Dear Brother and Sister Saints of Immanuel -

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we wait for the "shelter at home" order by the mayor to be lifted from the City of Baltimore, I am overjoyed to tell you of two special opportunities about to begin for Immanuel's people.

The first is the resumption of our Cemetery Services at Immanuel Cemetery, 2809 Grindon Avenue. These Services will begin Sunday, June 7th. They will be held at 8am. There are a few changes that we need to make because of the CORVID-19 pandemic.

First, all services will be held outside. The chapel is too small to allow for social distancing. As a result, the services will be held only when weather permits. If there is a high percent chance of rain for a Sunday morning, the services will be canceled and you will be notified by our Website, immanuellutheran.org, or our Facebook Page.

Second, we ask all in attendance to please wear facemasks. While we will have a few on hand for visitors, it will be most helpful if you bring your own. Even with the mask we ask you to maintain the 6 foot social distancing rules.

Third, we ask you to bring your own chair. While we will have a few available for visitors, any chairs used will need to be sanitized before the next service. It is preferable for you to bring and sanitize your own chairs.

Finally, fourth, we will not serve refreshments after the service as we have been accustomed. This simply is not safe. Our chief concern in all of this is the health and safety of our members and guests.

I am also thrilled to announce that the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served again in Immanuel's Sanctuary. This will begin on Saturday, June 6th. It will be served several times throughout the day. Again, there are some considerations to be made because of the pandemic.

First, you may attend by appointment only. Groups will be restricted to 8 or less per Sacrament time. Appointments will be on the hour beginning at 10 am and ending at 4:00 pm. We are using the [signup.com](https://signup.com/login/entry/1136990759569404037) website to sign up for the various time slots. Please click on <https://signup.com/login/entry/1136990759569404037> for the signup sheet. You may also call Laura Higgins at 410-227-5316 (cell) or 443-402-0176 (home) to sign up for a time slot. These brief services are designed to be no more than 20 minutes in length.

Second, you must wear masks when attending. While we will have some on hand, it is helpful for you to bring your own.

Third, the floor and pews will be marked to maintain social distancing.

Fourth, only the individual cups will be available for the wine. Only reception of the host in the hand will be available for the bread.

Fifth, you are to park in the upper lot and enter through the upper doors. Please avoid touching surfaces whenever possible. Hymnals will not be used. Disposable sheets with the Liturgy will be distributed.

Finally, sixth, you are asked not to socialize in the building before or after the service. Again, all these precautions are in place for the protection of our members and staff.

I look forward to seeing many of you in person soon. God's Blessings!

In Christ,
Pastor Minetree

ZOOM Bible class

A Sunday morning Bible class over the ZOOM continues. We meet Sunday mornings from 9 am to 9:45 am. Our first topic is the Gospel of Luke. If you would like to join please send an email to cminetree@verizon.net and you will be sent the access link and instructions. This class is not limited to Immanuel members.

FACEBOOK LIVE Bible class

A Wednesday Bible class continues on Wednesdays at noon. The topic of this class is the book of Galatians. This class is held via Pastor Minetree's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/charles.minetree>). It will also be recorded so you can access it at any time.