Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

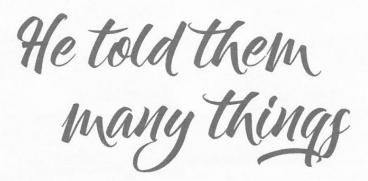
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.

> Rev. Charles C. Minetree, Sr. Pastor

Rev. Lucas Witt, Missionary/ Assoc. Pastor

Muriel E. Hopkins, Music Director

Dr. Richard Wegner, Minister of Music, Emeritus



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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 **<u>rooted</u>**, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their <u>eternal salvation</u>.

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.

COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

• Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,

• Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,

• Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,

• Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)

• Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.

• Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,

• Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel

ALL attendees MUST wear a face mask. Although all surfaces have been cleaned, it is best to assume all surfaces are contaminated. Please make use of the hand sanitizer provided.

Organ Prelude – "Andante" *für eine Walze in eine kleine Orgel* K.616 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) *Mozart wrote this, commissioned for a small mechanical clock, in 1791*



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Divine Service, Setting Three

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

 ${\rm I\!P}$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. ${\rm I\!C}$ Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word



The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

As for man, his days | are like grass;*

he flourishes like a flower | of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*

and its place knows | it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,* and his righteousness to children's | children,

to those who keep his | covenant*

and remember to do his com- | mandments.

Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*

and his kingdom rules | over all.

- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
- and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, Isaiah 55:10–13

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

- **G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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Hymn of the Day - #577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people, grant to us all things needful and beneficial, and keep from us all things harmful.

Brief silence

Holy Lord, mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear

but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Holy Lord, mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Holy God, mighty Lord, You have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of Your people. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor and all those elected and appointed to lead us, that justice may prevail and Your people may be free to live at peace with all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Holy God, mighty Lord, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages, for those who have requested our prayers [especially

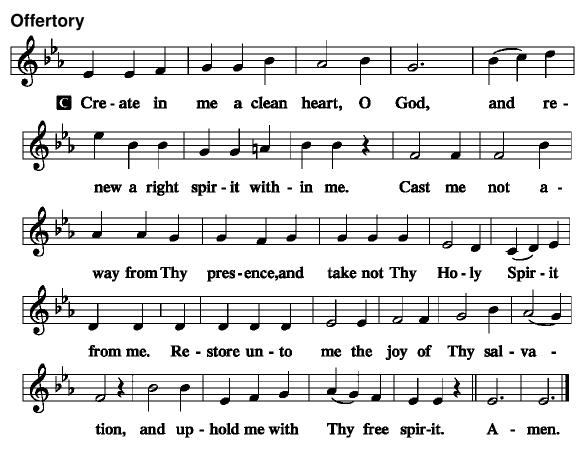
J, and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Holy God, mighty Lord, You have granted us great riches and gifts. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.
- C Amen.

Offering

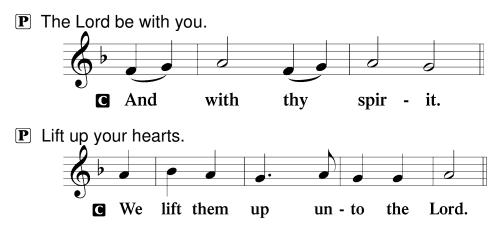
(The offering plates are located in the Narthex in an effort to reduce the amount of touch points. Please place your offerings in the plate as you exit.)



⁽Streaming service concludes.)

Service of the Sacrament

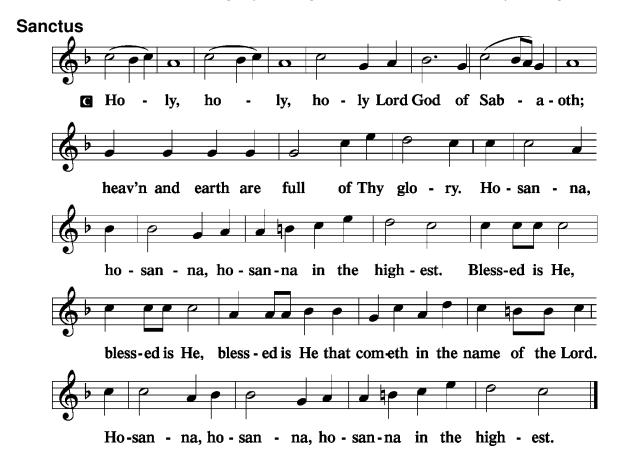
Preface



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer



The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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Distribution

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Distribution Hymn - #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Stand



Thanksgiving

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

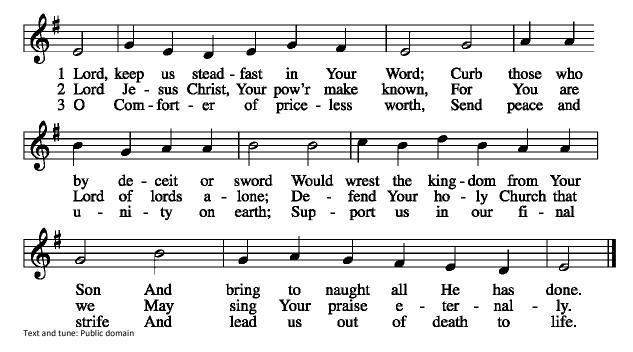


Announcements

Benediction

- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 - The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional Hymn - #655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



Organ Postlude – "Presto" from Organ Concerto No. 5 HWV 293

- George Fridric Handel (1685-1759)

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Those Serving Today:

Pastor Missionary/Associate Pastor **Director of Music** Altar Guild

Rev. Charles Minetree Rev. Lucas Witt **Muriel Hopkins** Elaine Schwab and Phyllis Rebstock

Birthdays This Week:

12 Olivia Elbers 15 Gabriel Tenabe 16 Amy Bishop 19 Lilac Witt

This Week at Immanuel:

Sunday	July 12	8 am 10 am	Summer Sundays at the Cemetery Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School				
		6 pm	Bible Study over Zoom				
Sunday	July 19	8 am	Summer Sundays at the Cemetery				
		10 am	Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School				
		6 pm	Bible Study over Zoom				

Ministry Notes

WORSHIP SERVICE WELCOME MINISTRY

The Worship Service Welcome Ministry invites you to join their team of volunteers:

- Worship service host(ess)
- Greeters before service
- follow-up calls to guests and members

Please contact Denise Adah 410.937.1792 for details.

THE INVITATION

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." *Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*

We invite our guest(s) to meet our host or hostess at the baptismal font immediately after the service to:

- ask about Jesus,

- request prayer,

- the worship service,

- request a meeting with our pastor.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26

Immanuel's Spring Voters' Assembly usually takes place in May, but was postponed due to Covid-19 and our inability to gather. This Voters Assembly is now set for Sunday, July 26 immediately following the 10 AM worship service. <u>This meeting will be held in the sanctuary</u> in order to facilitate social distancing. The agenda for this meeting will include reports from both Pastor Minetree and Pastor Witt, election of Church Council members, a report on the revised plans and timetable for the Mission Funding Campaign, a report on the installation of the new heating and air conditioning system, and a financial report. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL – NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

The following individuals have been nominated for a new three year term on Immanuel's Church Council: Gerhard Ehlerding, Steve Heemann, and Elaine Mueller. Their new terms will expire in 2023. Returning members to the Church Council include Sylvanus Ibenana (term ends 2021), Rick Kruelle (term ends 2022), Al Lietzau IV (term ends 2022), Al Lietzau V (term ends 2021), and Ray Spitznas (term ends 2022).

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19 FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The Board of Lay Ministry has not met for some time due to our inability to gather over recent months and other priorities that needed to be addressed during the pandemic. A meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 19 to get us back on track on past initiatives and to develop new areas of support for the new ministry that is being initiated by Pastor Witt. After the end of the service, please move to the front of the sanctuary and find space in an open pew while continuing to practice social distancing. The Board of Lay Ministry is an open group. All are invited to attend and become involved in an area of interest. We hope to see you then.

WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

This summer we will have worship at our cemetery on Grindon. These services will begin at 8am. These services will only be held outside this year so weather will be a factor. Members are asked to bring their own chairs. Some folding chairs will be available for guests. Face masks must be worn. These services are designed to be about 40 minutes long.

ZOOM BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday morning Bible class over ZOOM continues. **The time that we meet is Sunday evening from 6 pm to 6:45 pm.** Our first topic is the Gospel of Luke. If you would like to join the class in progress please send an email to <u>cminetree@verizon.net</u> and you will be sent the access link and instructions. This class is not limited to Immanuel members.

ERITREAN CHURCH MEMBERS' ASSISTANCE

Upon our request, we have been provided a list of our Eritrean brothers and sisters in Christ who worship downstairs who could use short-term assistance due to life disruptions by COVID-19. These families bake their own flat bread and cook at home, and therefore are best assist with groceries such as whole wheat flour, pasta, and oil, as well as well as financial support in paying bills and rent. If interested, please connect with Pastor Witt.

- 2 Family of six (one of them is single mom)
- 3 Family of five (one of them is single mom)
- 2 Family of four
- 2 Family of three (one of them is single mom)
- 1 Single

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or <u>Denisewaicker@mac.com</u>. 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.