

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our mission as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another



Sunday, November 15, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost

*11am In Person Worship Service
held in Church Social Hall

Lector: Joe Fleck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
 - **Saturday evenings**
 - Online zoom service at 5:00pm
 - **Sunday mornings**
 - Online zoom service at 9:00am followed by **Dwelling in the Word Bible Study**
 - In-person service at 11:00am in Social Hall
 - **Zoom Worship pre-recorded services Nov 22 – Dec 6**

on our Facebook videos page <https://www.facebook.com/immanuellutheranccmd/videos>
- **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10am – 12pm
 - Needed: Cash donations for milk and Egg Cartons (clean, not styrofoam)
- **Zoom Bible study: 3pm Tuesday on Zoom**
- **Altar Guild Meeting: 7pm Tues, Nov 17 on Zoom**
- **Planning Committee: 7pm Wed, Nov 18 on Zoom**
- **Youth Group: 2pm Sat, Nov 21** at **Bear Branch Nature Center**
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:**
 - *Today! Sun, Nov. 15 at 1pm on zoom.*
 - Meeting details and a copy of the proposed 2021 budget were mailed or emailed to all active members.
 - The budget was developed by our Finance committee and approved by our Church Council for presentation to the congregation. Please review the proposed budget carefully and prayerfully prior to the meeting.
 - In addition to adopting the 2021 budget, we will elect new members to the congregation council, cemetery board and nominating committee; and include time for open discussion. Council nominees are Terry Nowlin (first term).
 - Please make every effort to attend the meeting.
 - Contact any Finance committee member or Council member with questions or concerns.

- **Wreaths Across America Ceremony**
12noon at Immanuel on Dec 19th

**Thank you!!
We met our goal
to sponsor 300 wreaths!**

One star = 10 sponsored wreaths



- **We Rejoice ...** with Jeanne Swain on the birth of her grandson, Brody Matthew Richardson born on Nov 4 at 6:37pm to proud parents Elizabeth and Brett Richardson



Even though it's not the same as being in person,
Dad was there through the whole thing via
facetime!
8lbs 6oz / 21.5in



PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Donna Kent
Lorrie Marshall
Dorothy Fuller
Alex & Dave Polimeni
Family of Jen Russell
Tree of Friends Foundation
Pam Miller
Denise
Linda Calhoun
Maxine Miller
Dot Matthews
David
Ron Davidson
Caroline Marshall
Bert Albert
Dessie Ann Hann
Catherine Cormick
Tony Haines
Ruth Shilke
Jerry Trent
Pr Earl & Lori Janssen

Shari Trevey Brayton
David & Darlene Barnhart
Ron Whitehead
Connie Dattilio
Audrey Moose
Liz & Brett Richardson
Donna Marshall
Joe Zentgraf
Ryan Whitehead
Don Diseroad
Doris Dell
Pat Davis
Ardice Holbrook
Carol Nicoll
Gene Black
Mike Hockensmith
Carroll Lutheran Village
Mike & Barb Shelton
Pam & Tyler Mullins
Delores Whitehead
Mary Mitchell

Shanihya Derossett
David MacArthur
David Sparaco
Our men & women in uniform
Austin Maloney
Bill & Barb Skelley
Glenn Minnick
Gulla Vandergucht
John Adcock
Gene Voight
Eugene Link
Ellen Hopkins
Sandy Hughes
Ray Sims
Rudy Fernandez
Chuck Smith
Brandon Toston
Olivia Arriazola
Christine Palmisano
Gene Yingling

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you.**
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #668 O Zion, Haste

**¹ O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

Refrain **Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**² Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above.**

Refrain **Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**³ He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect, unfit to see his face.**

Refrain **Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples,
and you give us all that we have.

Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day
of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on
their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their
wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of
darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against
the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned
against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of
his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the
inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #785 *When Peace like a River vs 1,2,4*

**¹ When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain **It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**² Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.**

Refrain **It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**⁴ Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.**

Refrain **It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. We pray for all on our prayer list and those we name before you now... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors, including our loved ones who rest in you. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Your offerings are especially needed during this time of crisis. You may mail your offering to the church office or give online through our website www.immanuelutheranccmd.org or the Tithe.ly app at <https://tithe.ly/give>
Thank you for helping us pursue God's mission together!



OFFERING SONG

ELW #686 *We Give Thee but Thine Own vs 1*
**¹ We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850*

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.**
**Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ,
our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**¹ Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**² Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

Refrain **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**³ Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**

Refrain **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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SENDING

We are God's family on a journey of love with Jesus, rich in history and tradition yet open to the Spirit,

- welcoming all in worship and learning,
- growing in faith as the Spirit leads us,
- reaching out with our neighbors to serve those in need,
- sharing with others God's all-embracing love.

We invite you to walk with us on this journey.

**Let us go in peace and make Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning,
and loving one another. Amen! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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