

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*



Return to Worship in the Sanctuary
9am Sunday, in the Sanctuary
June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Sandy Voight

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Altar flowers and the center arrangement
are sponsored in loving memory of
Patricia Diserod
by Katherine Gorelick

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Here are the COVID protocols we will follow each week:**
 - Mask wearing is optional for fully vaccinated worshipers. All others please wear masks except to receive communion.
 - Social distancing of at least three feet must be maintained at all times except for those of the same household.
 - Seating will be in every other pew to maintain distancing, and in distanced chairs in the overflow area (Sunday School Auditorium) if needed.
 - We will continue to use downloadable bulletins to keep worship as contact-free as possible. A few printed bulletins will be available for those without internet access.
 - The pastor will lead worship from behind the altar, a safe distance of 20 feet from the closest worshipers for public speaking and singing.
 - To prevent virus spread, congregational responses and singing must be at very low volume (barely audible).
 - For Communion, worshipers will proceed down the center aisle, *maintaining distancing*, to receive communion from the pastor, who will place the wafer in the open palm to avoid physical contact. After consuming the wafer, please move to either side and take a pre-filled cup (avoid touching other cups), drink the juice and place the empty cup in the basket by the side aisle before returning to your seat.
 - Please maintain social distancing when leaving the sanctuary row by row, from back to front.
- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
 - **Saturday Zoom service 5 PM**
 - **Sunday Sanctuary Service 9 AM:** livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom.
 - **Next Week, June 19 & 20** we will observe **Father's Day** at both services.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10 – 12
 - **'Tough Questions' Bible Study:** Tuesday 3pm on Zoom
 - **Scout Troop 320 Court of Honor:** Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the home of Walt Feezer
 - **Confirmation Class:** Wednesday 7pm at Kilers
 - **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Tuesday, June 22, 2-7:30 PM in the Social Hall.
Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign up. Or visit www.redcrossblood.org
- **Coming Soon: Immanuel VBS**



- This year's VBS dates are July 11-15, Sun - Thur
 - Supper 5:30pm & VBS 6-8pm
 - We are planning a mostly outdoor in-person COVID-safe VBS this year.
 - Our theme is **"TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless to God."**
 - **Register by June 18** to be entered in a prize drawing!
- **Stephen Ministry News**
 - Immanuel is a Stephen Ministry congregation with trained volunteers providing spiritual care and support for those who are struggling. Let us know if you would like to learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, or to recommend someone in need of a Stephen Minister.
 - Our Stephen Ministry Leader is Connie Dattilio.
- **June Mission Offering:** The special offering supports *NESAP*.
 - Northeast Social Action Program (NESAP) is a Christian nonprofit organization that has served residents in need in Carroll County and parts of Baltimore County, MD, since 1984. Our services include financial assistance (for rent, fuel, utilities, transportation, and medical bills), as well as food, clothing, school supplies and Christmas assistance.

- **Monthly Mission Offerings**

- Donations are collected for the entire month.
- Use purple Special Offering envelopes or clearly note the designation.
- Make checks payable to Immanuel Church.
- When giving online, select Mission Offering from the drop-down list.

- **New Pictorial Directory Photography Dates**

- On Monday, Sept. 20 & Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM a photographer will be at Immanuel from *RE:Member Church Directories* to take your picture in a COVID-safe setting following all public health protocols.
- Mark your calendars and watch for more information.
- Coordinator: Debbie Mace

PRAYER CONCERNS

Scotty, Brittany & Joey Pomaes
 Rosalie Bailey
 Tony Haines
 Pastor Eileen Kelly-Warner
 Brenda Murray
 Alice Warehime
 Courtney Coppa
 Ardice Holbrook
 Amanda Yingling
 Esther Miller
 Angela Keefer

Fred & Arlene Linker
 Nelson Dorsey
 Milford Batters
 Ruth Ridgely
 Jeremy Birnie
 Frank Sentous
 Dolly Ruby
 Cheryl Myers
 David & Darlene Barnhart
 Craig Schenning
 Mike Day

Bri Murphy
 Bruce Klinedinst
 Steve Yelton
 Ron & Ryan Whitehead
 Pam Miller
 Jeff Dell
 Gary Eppley
 Bill & Delores Whitehead
 Pam Mullins

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PRELUDE

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our provider, **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #853 vs 1,5

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

¹ When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

⁵ Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

*Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.
Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 Public Domain*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*
O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.
Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love
to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.
Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;
on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;
**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10, 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

God's Kingdom is for the Birds

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #679

For the Fruit of All Creation

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

¹ For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

² In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

³ For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church,
so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness.
From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants.
Restore growth to places suffering drought.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power.
Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility,
dedicating their lives in service to others.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you.
Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness.
We pray for all on our prayer list and those we name before you now...
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you.
We give thanks and pray for our church musicians,
including Jerry, Jake, Pete, Sandy, and the members of all our choirs.
Hasten the day when we will again be able
to raise our voices and play our instruments in praise to you.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you,
Including those we remember in our hearts...
We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **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 church 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 #689 vs 1

Praise and Thanksgiving

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

¹ **Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
For all things living
You have made good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things.**

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,

that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

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,

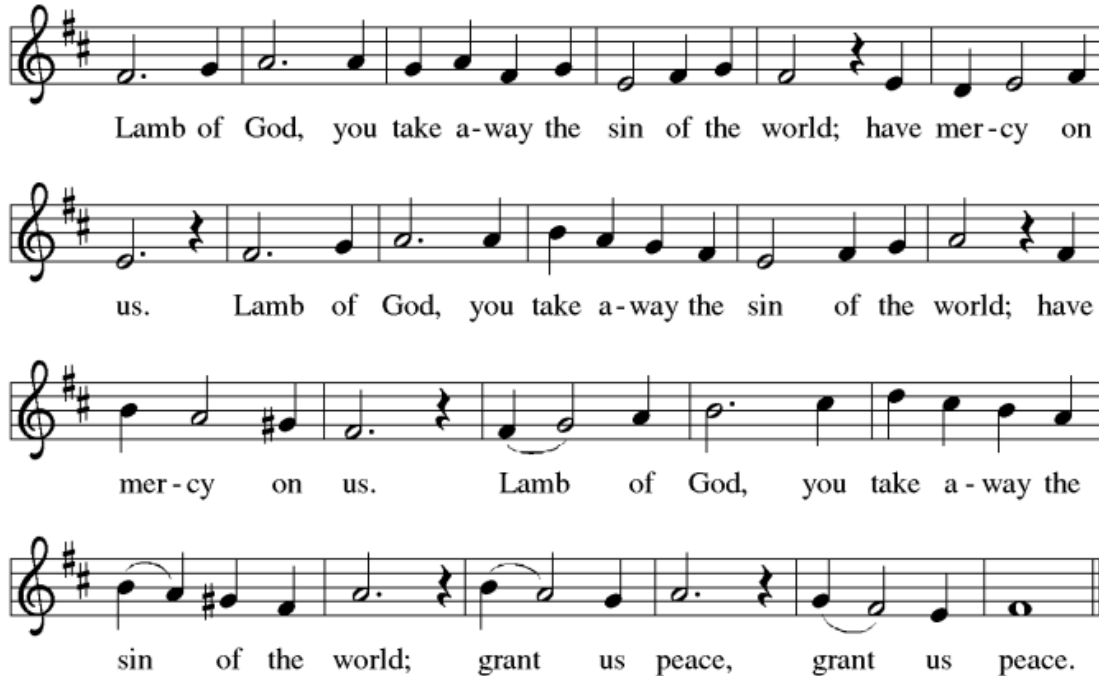
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Proceed down the center aisle (remember to keep social distanced).

The pastor will place the wafer in the open palm to avoid physical contact.

After consuming the wafer, move to either side and take a pre-filled cup (avoid touching other cups).

Drink the juice and place the empty cup in the basket by the side aisle.

Return to your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

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,
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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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