

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*



9am Sunday, in the Sanctuary

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Matthew Rooney

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. Printed bulletins are available at the welcome table for those who need them.
- 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
 - **Saturday Zoom service 5PM**
 - **Sunday Sanctuary Service 9AM:** livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom. Reception of new members and recognition of *baptism*.
 - **Next Sunday:** Holy Baptism 9 AM.
- **Vacation Bible School is this week!**
 - Sun-Thur, July 11-15. 5:30pm supper; 6-8pm VBS Activities
"TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless to God."
 - **VBS Kickoff is THIS AFTERNOON, beginning 4:30 PM under the Oak Tree** with games, music, hot dogs etc. *It's not too late to register!*
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10 – 11:30am
 - **'Tough Questions' Bible Study:** Tuesday 3pm on Zoom
- **Stephen Ministry News**
 - Immanuel is a Stephen Ministry congregation with trained volunteers providing spiritual care and support for those who are struggling. Our SM Leader is Connie Dattilio.
 - Let us know if you would like to learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, or to recommend someone in need of a Stephen Minister.
- **July Mission Offering:** The special offering supports *Community of St. Dysmas*
 - **The Community of St. Dysmas** is a Lutheran congregation within the MD State Correctional System. It is named for Dysmas, the repentant thief crucified next to Jesus. Their purpose is to share the transforming power of Christ's love with those who are incarcerated through weekly worship and Bible studies and to support them upon their release.
 - **The Rev. Susan Beck**, Pastor of St Dysmas, will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, July 25**, and tell us more about this life-changing ministry.
 - Because St. Dysmas is a prison congregation, its members have limited resources for supporting their church. Inmates who earn the right to have jobs in the prison receive as little as one dollar a day to pay for their own toiletries, postage, phone calls out, etc. St. Dysmas receives grant support from the ELCA and our Delaware-Maryland Synod, but the balance of support comes from congregations like ours. Your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!
 - **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.
- **Save These Dates**
 - **Next Immanuel Blood Drive:** Thursday, Aug 5 from 2-7:30pm
 - **New Church Directory Photography Dates** (Coordinator: Debbie Mace):
 - **Monday, Sept. 20 & Tuesday, Sept. 21**, from **2:00 PM – 8:30 PM** at Immanuel.
- **We Welcome to Immanuel's Church Family**

Margaret Rogers,
her daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Devin Miller
and their children Hannah and Asher



PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Jean Arbaugh
Merry Nelson & family on the
death of Shirley
Dana Kline
Pat Walton
John Adcock
Shawn Utz
Kathy Hintz
Ed Marshall
Rosalie Bailey
Edmund Adami
Scotty, Brittany & Joey Pomaes
Pastor Eileen Kelly-Warner
Brenda Murray
Fred & Arlene Linker

Joe Myers
Esther Miller
Angela Keefer
Alice Warehime
Courtney Coppa
Ardice Holbrook
Nelson Dorsey
Milford Batters
Ruth Ridgely
Tony Haines
David & Darlene Barnhart
Craig Schenning
Mike Day
Bri Murphy
Bruce Klinedinst

Steve Yelton
Ron & Ryan Whitehead
Donna Marshall
Pam Miller
Jeff Dell
Gary Eppley
Bill & Delores Whitehead
Frank Sentous
Pam Mullins
Jeremy Birnie
Dolly Ruby
Cheryl Myers

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GATHERING HYMN ELW #513 vs 1,2

Listen, God Is Calling

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

Refrain

Refrain

(Listen,)
**listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

(Listen,)
**listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

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(Jesus gave his mandate:)
**share the good news
(that he came to save us)
and set us free.**

(Let non be forgotten,)
**Throughout the world,
(in the triune name of God,)
Go and baptize.**

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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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.

Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give,

that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments;

and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,

may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

AMOS 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

MARK 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him,

and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

Blessing of VBS Students and Staff

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #717

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**¹ Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**² Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.**

**³ So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.**

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RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The group gathers with the Pastor at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love,

gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the baptized person.

*We present Asher Miller to this community of faith.

The pastor announces the baptism that has taken place.

Asher was baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit on February 7 at the family's home.

The pastor addresses the parents:

Devin and Lauren,

as you rejoice in the baptism of your child, you are also entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Asher may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Asher grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Response:** I do.

The pastor addresses the godparents:

Margaret and Timothy, do you promise to nurture Asher in the Christian faith

as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church?

***Response:** I do.

The new member candidates are introduced:

I present Devin and Lauren Miller and Margaret Ford-Rogers to affirm their baptism
and be received as members, and Hannah Miller to be received as a child member.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Margaret, Devin and Lauren, Hannah and Asher,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

The pastor addresses those affirming their baptism.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response:** I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response:** I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response:** I renounce them.

The congregation joins in the Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Margaret, Lauren and Devin, you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each responds individually:

***Response:** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Devin, Lauren, Margaret, Hannah and Asher,
and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons
new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Asher and Hannah, Devin and Lauren and Margaret with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on Asher's forehead with anointing oil, saying:

Asher, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

The baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given with these words:

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

A baptismal blanket is given with these words:

Receive this blanket as a reminder that you are wrapped in God's love through baptism. **Amen.**

Let us welcome our brother Asher and his family:

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The new members are welcomed with applause.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself.
Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us,
and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees.
Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops,
and bless the work of farmers and laborers.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power
to the voices of prophets in our own day.

Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty.
Comfort all survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant,
and protect all victims of prejudice and discrimination.

Bring healing and hope to those who struggle with illness and adversity.

We pray for all on our prayer list and those we name before you...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all who worship here.

We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed:

those who clean and maintain our building, those who prepare for worship,
those who serve in our office and all our volunteers.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith.
We remember those in this community who have recently died, including Jean Arbaugh...
United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever.

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

We deeply appreciate your faithful and generous support during this time of crisis.
You may place your offering in the appropriate basket on the welcome table as you
enter or leave. Or 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 #184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

***Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.***

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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



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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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 #574 vs 1, 2

Here I Am, Lord

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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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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