

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 18, 2021**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Lector: Brenda Wulforst

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.
- Please maintain distancing of at least three feet 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.
- To prevent virus spread, please keep congregational responses and singing at very low volume.
- 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 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.
- **Vacation Bible School slideshow presented before the Sunday service.**
Thank you to all who helped make VBS 2021 a great success.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10 – 11:30am
 - **'Tough Questions' Bible Study:** Tuesday 3pm on Zoom
 - **Confirmation Class:** Wednesday 7 pm.

- **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.
 - **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, 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM** at Immanuel.

- **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

9am Service – July 18, 2021

Sons of Zachary and Amanda Brocato

Hayden Nicholas

Sponsored by
Christopher Brocato
Caitlin McVicker

Graham Adam

Sponsored by
John Danza
Chrystal Danza

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Jean
Arbaugh

Merry Nelson & family
on the death of
Shirley

Dana Kline

Pat Walton

John Adcock

Shawn Utz

Kathy Hintz

Rosalie Bailey

Scotty, Brittany &

Joey Pomales

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 #532 vs 1,2

Gather Us In

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**¹ Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**² We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

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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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself

one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick

in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #781 vs 1,2

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Organist*

Jerry Hoffman,

**¹ Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**² God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font. The assembly is seated.

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 for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

*I present Hayden Nicholas Brocato for baptism.

*I present Graham Adam Brocato for baptism.

The pastor addresses parents:

Zachary and Amanda, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hayden and Graham baptized into Christ?

***Response:** I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children 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 Hayden and Graham grow in the Christian faith and life?

***Response:** I do.

The pastor addresses sponsors:

Christopher and Caitlin, do you promise to nurture Hayden 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.

John and Chrystal, do you promise to nurture Graham 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 pastor addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Hayden and Graham and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Zachary and Amanda, Christopher and Caitlin, John and Chrystal, 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 following responses.

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved
over the waters and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from the power of sin and death
and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism
may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

The pastor baptizes each candidate.

Water from the font is poured on the candidate's head, as the pastor says:

Hayden Nicholas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Graham Adam, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND ANOINTING

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.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the pastor prays for each:

Sustain Hayden / Graham 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.**

Pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized, using oil prepared for this purpose. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

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

BAPTISMAL BLANKET

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

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child).

A representative of the congregation says:

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

The pastor and the baptismal group face the assembly.

A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome Hayden and Graham into God's 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.

Those who have gathered at the font return to their places.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel.

Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry.

Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock.

Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment.

Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God.

Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family.

Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God.

Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles,
and all who are afraid or feel lost.

Give rest to those who are weary,
comfort to those who are grieving,
and recovery to those who are ill including all on our prayer list
and those we name before you...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God.

Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits.

Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize
our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died,
now citizens with the saints, including our loved ones who rest in
you.

As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome
all of us to dwell in your house forever.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the
promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.***

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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 #650 vs 1, 3

In Christ There Is No East or West

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**¹ In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**³ Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

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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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