

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3184 Church Street · PO Box 739 · Manchester, MD 21102

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 25, 2021**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Joe Fleck

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.
- **Welcome and Thank You**

We welcome The Rev. Susan Beck, pastor of the Community of St Dymas, as our guest preacher on Sunday.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10 – 11:30am
 - **'Tough Questions' Tuesday 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. Dymas*
 - We will learn more this morning from Pastor Susan Beck, as the guest preacher.
 - **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
 - To make an appointment call 1-800-redcross or go to their website: www.redcrossblood.org.
 - **New Church Directory Photography Dates** (Coordinator: Debbie Mace):
 - Monday, Sept. 20 & Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Immanuel.
 - You will have a professional photography session, schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs, and *receive a free 8x10 portrait and free directory.*
 - The directory **WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!**
Make your appointment now - at church or online (link is on church website).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor Charlene Barnes

Angela Keefer

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

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

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 #858 vs 1,4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

*Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: Erneverten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665 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.*

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts

of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.

Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven

and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**2 KINGS 4:42-44**

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

PSALM**PSALM 145:10-18**

All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING**EPHESIANS 3:14-21**

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL**JOHN 6:1-21**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Susan Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #674 vs 1,3

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!**

**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

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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

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church.

Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations,
including Trinity U.C.C. and Manchester Baptist.

Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries
who accompany global neighbors.

We pray especially for Pastor Wal, our missionary in South Sudan.

Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

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

We pray for creation.

Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat.

Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people
and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

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

We pray for those who govern.

Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption
and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility.

Inspire them with a vision of the common good
and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

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

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens:

those who are unemployed or underemployed,
those unable to find affordable housing,
and those without health insurance.

Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing,
including all on our prayer list and those we name before you...

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

We pray for this assembly.

Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need.

When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance.

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

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died, including our loved ones who rest in you...

As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts,
that we may have the power to comprehend with all the saints
the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

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 #515 vs 1

Break Now the Bread of Life

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

***1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.***

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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 #729 vs 1, 4, 5
The Church of Christ in Every Age

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.**

**5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.**

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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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