

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

September 12, 2021

Holy Cross Sunday

Lector: Susan Burnette

Here are our current COVID protocols:

- Due to the rising rate of infection:
we ask all worshipers *-regardless of vaccination status-* to wear a mask, 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.

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Altar flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God
and
in memory of my loving wife, Pat
by Don Diseroad

Center arrangement is sponsored in to the Glory of God
and
in honor of Pastor Charlie's retirement
by Don Diseroad

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
 - **Zoom service Saturday 5pm**
livestreamed on Facebook
 - **Sunday Sanctuary Service 9am**
livestreamed on Facebook
 - **Pastor Charlie's last Sunday at Immanuel**
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10-11:30am.
Egg cartons and milk money needed!
 - **Church Picnic: *THIS Weekend - Sun, Sept 12***
 - at Christmas Tree Park following the 9am service.
 - This will also be our farewell dinner for Pr Charlie.
 - Fried chicken and BBQ will be provided.
 - Games and activities for all ages.

****Bring your lawn chairs!****
- **Stephen Ministry News** Leader: Connie Dattilio
 - 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.
- **September Mission Offering: Youth Gathering**
 - The special offering will be collected for the *group going to the ELCA Youth Gathering.*

- Every three years, 30,000+ high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation.
 - Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged/inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.
- The Gathering (postponed from 2021) is in Minneapolis, MN July 24-28, 2022.
- Minneapolis will be our 3rd gathering:
2015 in Detroit · 2018 in Houston



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Detroit, MI



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Houston, TX

- We currently have a group of 12 youth and three adults planning to attend in 2022.
 - Approx cost per person is \$1,000, which includes: all transportation, lodging, registration, and food. Our goal is that the only out of pocket for attendees is the registration deposit.
- We have been fundraising for over three years. Some of our efforts include: selling snowballs at monthly flea markets, hosting Mario's Italian Restaurant, Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sales, soup & sandwich Fellowship, and "Mario's Meals".

We THANK ALL who have supported our efforts!

Monthly Mission Offering Procedures

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

• New Church Directory Photography Dates

(Coordinator: Debbie Mace):

- Monday, Sept 20 & Tuesday, Sept 21, from 2 – 8:30pm at Immanuel.
- You will have a 15-minute professional photo session, schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs, receive a free 8x10 portrait and free church directory.
The directory WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!
- Make your appointment now – on our website, at church or call Debbie Mace at 443-244-0358. Or scan this QR code with your smartphone.
- You may also schedule a multi-family photo session.



• Community Yard & Craft Sale: Rain or Shine

Saturday, October 2: 8am – 2pm

- Vendors wanted: \$20 / space
- Kids Activities, Food & Drink. Following COVID guidelines
- For more information, contact: Audrey Shaffer
443-508-4358 / audreyshaffer@hotmail.com

We need your help - be sure to sign up!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim
Pastor Mike Dubsy
Iva Martin
Julia Hott
Sameer Amini & family
Heidi Hess
Max Yingling
Adrian Lund
Rosemary Whitehead
Ray Lewis
Eric Kelsoe
Pam Miller
Stephanie Hull
Pastor Charlene Barnes
Scotty, Brittany & Joey
Pomales
Pastor Eileen Kelly-Warner
Fred & Arlene Linker
Brenda Murray
Angela Keefer
Pat Walton
John Adcock
John Calhoun
Esther Miller
Kathy Hintz

Shawn Utz
Dana Kline
Courtney Coppa
Ardice Holbrook
Nelson Dorsey
Milford Batters
Rosalie Bailey
Bri Murphy
Bruce Klinedinst
Steve Yelton
Ron & Ryan Whitehead
Donna Marshall
Jeff Dell
Gary Eppley
Tony Haines
David & Darlene Barnhart
Craig Schenning
Mike Day
Bill & Delores Whitehead
Frank Sentous
Pam Mullins
Jeremy Birnie
Dolly Ruby
Cheryl Myers

PRELUDE TFF #71 vs 1
The Old Rugged Cross

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates,
redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #660 vs 1,4

Lift High the Cross

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**¹ Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**⁴ So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

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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.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.

To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom,
healing, and eternal life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 21:4B-9

When the people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.

[From Mount Horeb the Israelites set out,] but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses,
“Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole;

and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.

[Jesus said:] No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY vs 1, 3, 4

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Jerry Hoffman, Organist

Verse 1

***Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see***

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace***

Verse 3

***The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures***

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace***

Verse 4

***The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine***

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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

United with the great cloud of witnesses
throughout the ages,
we pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For the church.

For bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized.

For chaplains, missionaries,

and those who serve in specialized settings.

Guide us in the way of the cross,
and lead us in paths of faithful service.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the world. For oceans and lakes, rivers and wetlands.
For trees and mountains, parks and wildlife refuges.
Restore places damaged by fire or flood, windstorm,
or earthquake.

Shelter your whole creation from harm.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the nations and their leaders.
Bring an end to warfare, violence, and injustice.
Teach us to live in peace with one another.
Lift up those who live under oppression.
Watch over those who flee their homes
in search of safety and freedom.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need.
For those yearning for meaning and purpose.
For those who lack stable employment or safe housing.
For those who grieve, and for those who are ill,
including all on our prayer list
and those we name before you now...
Heal their wounds and comfort them in their distress.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For this assembly.
For Sunday school teachers and preschool directors.
For students and teachers in public and private schools.

Fill us all with zeal for learning.

Energize us to give ourselves away in love for our neighbors.

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

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the people of Immanuel as we bid farewell to our pastor,
and for the people of Carroll Lutheran Village
as they prepare to welcome him.

Grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek a new pastor.

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

With thanksgiving,

we remember all who have gone before us in faith,
including our loved ones who rest in you.

Bring us with them through the promise of the holy cross
into the hope and joy of the resurrection.

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

In the company of your saints

we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your eternal mercy and love;

through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 TFF #292

Give Thanks

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables
in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **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

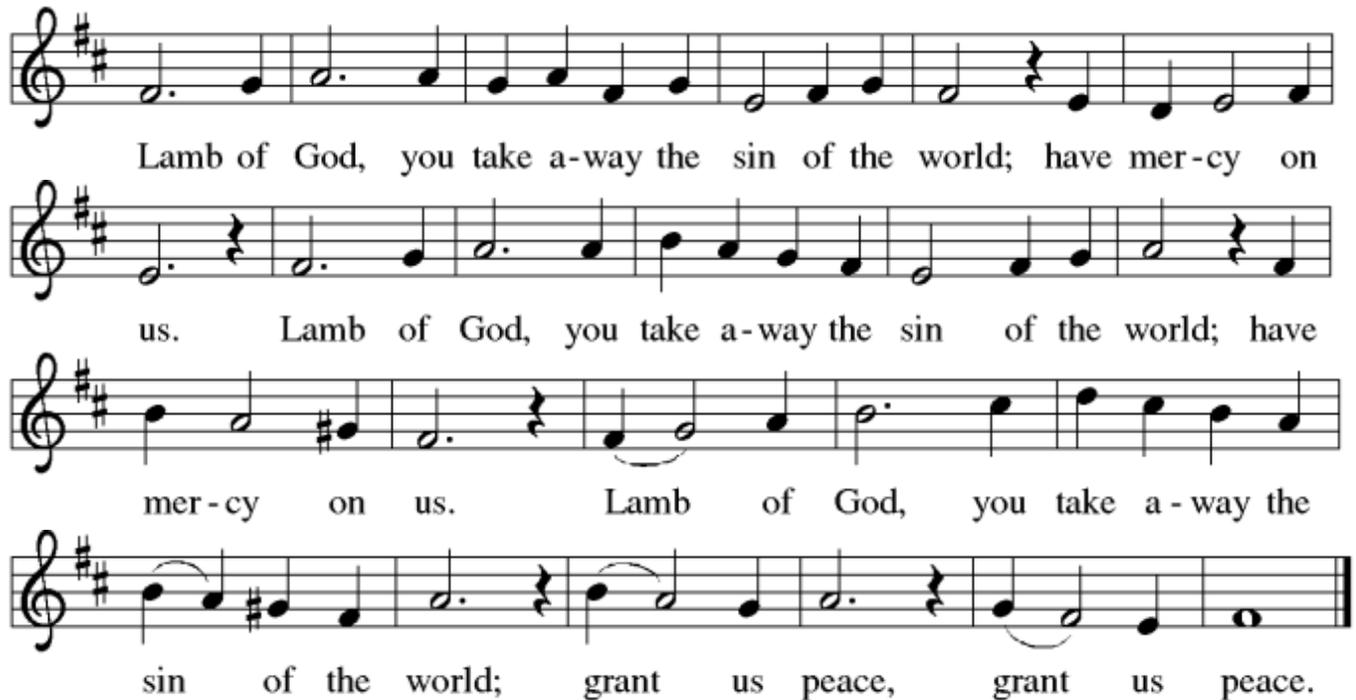
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

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 maintain social distancing).
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

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us
with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

*A representative of the congregation
addresses the pastor and congregation.*

Pastor Charlie, on January 24, 2016,
we of Immanuel Lutheran Church called you
to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word,
to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness,
and to preside at the Lord's table.

With the gospel you have comforted us
in times of sickness and trouble,
and at the death of our loved ones.

Sharing our joys and sorrows,
you have been important to our life together
in the church of Jesus Christ,
in our service to this community,
and in God's mission to the whole world.

As you leave this community of faith,
we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,
do you release Pastor Charlie
from service as your *pastor*?

We do,
and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

The leader addresses the pastor whose call is concluding.

Pastor Charlie, do you recognize and accept
the completion of your ministry
with Immanuel Lutheran Church?

Response: I do,
and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ
you gave the holy apostles many gifts
and commanded them to feed your flock.

You equip your people with abilities
that differ according to the grace given to them,
and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Charles Marshall
among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory
in this time together; heal and forgive
all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Charles and all of us to live with courage and gladness
in the future you give to us.

As he has been a blessing to us,
so now send him forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #335 vs 1,2

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**¹ Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

**² Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

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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

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

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