

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



Sunday, September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

***11am Outdoor Worship Service
held at Thomas Tree Farm**

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**This weekend's services are dedicated to the Glory of God and
in honor of the September birthdays
of my son, William Black, Jr; my grandson, Robert Wheeler III
and my great-grandson, Kason Frazewa
by Linda Black**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **September Monthly Mission Offering**
Operation Christmas Child.
Offerings received thru end of month.
- **Dwelling in the Word:** cancelled this week.
Next session TBA
- **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10am – 12pm
 - Cash donations for milk needed
- **Zoom Bible study:** Tuesday 3pm
- **LEAD Team:** Monday 7pm on Zoom
- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**
Note the change of schedule
 - **Saturday evenings**
 - Online zoom service at 5:00pm
 - **Sunday mornings – through mid-October**
 - Online zoom service at 9:00am
 - Outdoor in-person service at 11:00am
 - 'Dwelling in the Word' will be rescheduled
- **Target date of October 18**
 - to move Sunday in-person worship service indoors.
 - Saturday service to remain at 5pm on Zoom.

- **Immanuel Church Picnic:**

Today, Sun, Sept 13 at 12 noon

- **Plan 1.**

If in-person worship service is held at the Tree Farm, the picnic will be there as well.

- **Plan 2.**

If in-person worship is cancelled at the Tree Farm, picnic lunches can be picked up at Immanuel – *for those that signed up.*

Starting at 12, line up at the Social Hall ramp, stay in car. Bagged lunch will be brought out to you.

- **Community Yard and Crafts Sale:**

- Saturday, October 3 on Immanuel Parking Lot

- \$20 per vendor spot (ask family/friends if they want a spot)

- Contact Fellowship for more details, to reserve a spot, or to volunteer!

- Accepting donations of small household items, (*no clothing*). Ex. kitchen items, toys, etc. Contact Rhonda for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jerry Trent

Helen Armacost

Pastor Earl Jansen

Tom & Sue Becke

Pat Davis

Ardice Holbrook

Caroline Marshall

Shari Trevey Brayton

Delores Whitehead

Connie Dattilio

Audrey Moose

Liz & Brett Richardson

Donna Marshall

Joe Zentgraf

Gene Black

Mike Hockensmith

Ginger

Ryan Whitehead

Don Diseroad

Dessie Ann Hann

Doris Dell

Carol Nicoll

Carroll Lutheran Village

Pam & Tyler Mullins

Mary Mitchell

Shanihya Derossett

David MacArthur

Donna Kent

Cassie Lewis

John Adcock

Gene Voight

David Sparaco

Our men & women in uniform

Austin Maloney

Ray Sims

Glenn Minnick

Gulla Vandergucht

Eugene Link

Ellen Hopkins

Ron Davidson

Gary Polinski

Sandy Hughes

Rudy Fernandez

Chuck Smith

Brandon Toston

Olivia Arriazola

Christine Palmisano

Gene Yingling

Tony Haines

Nancy Hoffman

PRELUDE

Guest Soloist-Jerry Overby

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 TFF #78 *There Is a Fountain vs 1-3*

**¹ There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.**

**² The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, though vile as he,
washed all my sins away.**

**³ Thou dying Lamb, thy precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more.**

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800
Music: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN, North American, 19th cent.

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...

O Lord God, merciful judge,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone
with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 103:1-3,8-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you
removed our transgressions from us.**
As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion
for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #335 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross vs 1,2,4*

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.**

⁴ **Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.**

Refrain

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

*Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915*

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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You welcome us when we are weak in faith.

Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome.

Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes
and youth ministries.

Nurture new ministries of education and growth in challenging times

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

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love.

Have compassion on your creation.

Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction,
we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations.
Speak kindness to our bitter grudges.
Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence.
Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed.
Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt.
Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war.
Bless all on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive.
Remind us that you do not always accuse us.
Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions.
Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours.
We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness,
for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Your offerings are especially needed during this time of crisis.
You may mail your offering to the church office
or give online through our church website www.immanuel.lutheranccmd.org
or the Tithe.ly app at <https://tithe.ly/give>

Thank you for helping us pursue God's mission together!



OFFERING SONG ELW #336 *Lamb of God*

¹ **Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God**

² **Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God**

Chorus

**Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

³ **I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God**

Chorus

**Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

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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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW #803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

¹ When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

² Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

³ See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

⁴ Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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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