

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 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lector: Matthew Rooney

Special Congregation Meeting Announcement:

In an effort to be transparent with Immanuel's congregation, council is planning a special congregational meeting to discuss the option of participating in shared ministry. The meeting will be held immediately after the 9am service on Sunday, October 3. Pastor Robin Simpson-Litton, Asst to the Bishop, has been invited to attend and answer questions you may have.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Worship Services at Immanuel:**

- **Sunday Sanctuary Service 9am**—livestreamed on Facebook
 - Supply: Thank you Pastor Phil Huber!

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10-11:30am. Egg cartons and milk money needed!
- **Community Yard Sale at Immanuel**
 - 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 signup!****
- **Wreaths Across America**
 - Immanuel Church is hosting ceremony again this year!
 - *Save the Date – December 18th*
 - More details to follow; look in bulletins and newsletters.

- **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)
 - ***Last Day to sign up for the New Church Directory!***
 - Reserve your spot on
 - Monday, September 20 or Tuesday, September 21 at Immanuel from 2-8:30pm.
 - You will have a 15-minute professional photography session, schedule a ZOOM meeting to see your proofs, receive a free 8x10 portrait and free church directory. (You may also schedule a multi-family photo session.)
 - You can see Debbie Mace or Susan Yingling following the service, or call Debbie at 443-244-0358, or scan this QR code with your smartphone.



*Sign up now! The directory
WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Eileen Lane
 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 Pomaes
 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
 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

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 #807 vs 1,3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

1 **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**

3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

*Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813
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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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.

Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,

that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

SECOND READING

JAMES 3:13--4:3, 7-8A

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

GOSPEL

MARK 9:30-37

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

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #376 vs 1, 3

Thine Is the Glory

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

1 ***Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.***

Refrain

***Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!***

3 ***No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.***

Refrain

***Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!***

*Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759
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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

Made children and heirs of God's promise,

we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world.

Unite us in our love for you.

Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake.

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

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth.

Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support
agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment.

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

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*).
Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements.
Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness.
Help them find appropriate care.
Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation.
Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst.
As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of consolation,
we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died
and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*).
Shine your grace on all your saints.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God,
and those in our hearts known only to you; 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 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!**

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.

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 #638 vs 1,3
Blessed Assurance

Jerry Hoffman, Organist

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

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Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908
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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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