

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 20, 2020

16th 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 and celebration of our 32nd wedding anniversary
by Clay and Brenda Black**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **September Monthly Mission Offering**
Operation Christmas Child.
Offerings received thru end of month.
- **Food Distribution:** Tues & Sat, 10am – 12pm
 - Cash donations for milk needed
- **Zoom Bible study:** Tuesday 3pm
- **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
(held at Thomas Tree Farm)
 - '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.

- **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

Family of Helen Armacost

Family of Ed Donhauser (father)

Pr Peter Roy & wife Nicole

St James & Mt Zion Haughs

Matt Siran

Catherine Cormick

Ron Davidson

Tony Haines

Nancy Hoffman

Jerry Trent

Pastor Earl Janssen

Tom & Sue Becke

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 Diserod

Dessie Ann Hann

Doris Dell

Pat Davis

Ardice Holbrook

Carol Nicoll

Carroll Lutheran Village

Pam & Tyler Mullins

Mary Mitchell

Shanihya Derossett

David MacArthur

Donna Kent

John Adcock

Gene Voight

David Sparaco

Our men & women in uniform

Austin Maloney

Bill & Barb Skelley

Glenn Minnick

Gulla Vandergucht

Eugene Link

Ellen Hopkins

Gary Polinski

Sandy Hughes

Ray Sims

Rudy Fernandez

Chuck Smith

Brandon Toston

Olivia Arriazola

Christine Palmisano

Gene Yingling

PRELUDE

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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.**

**² Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**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: Nettleton, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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...

Almighty and eternal God,

you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.

Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment,
and train us to embody the generosity of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LEAD TEAM UPDATE

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

PSALM145:1-8

I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #707 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

**¹ Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.**

**² Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.**

**³ Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to me."
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry--
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you."**

**⁴ Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.**

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last.
Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service.
Strengthen those who suffer for Christ here and around the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—
nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God.
In your mercy, tend to it all.
Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all.
Bring peace to places of conflict and violence.
Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom.
Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing.
Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences.
Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously.
Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need.
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.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us.
Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ,
until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne.
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 #595 *Jesus Loves Me vs 1, 2*

**1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.**

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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 #638 *Blessed Assurance*

**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.**

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.**

**² Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of 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.**

**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.**

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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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