

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immanuel Covid-19 Safety and Sanitation Committee: A team has been formed to continually review guidelines and make recommendations for worshipping here at Immanuel as we move forward. Please talk to Pastor if you are interested in joining this group. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m.

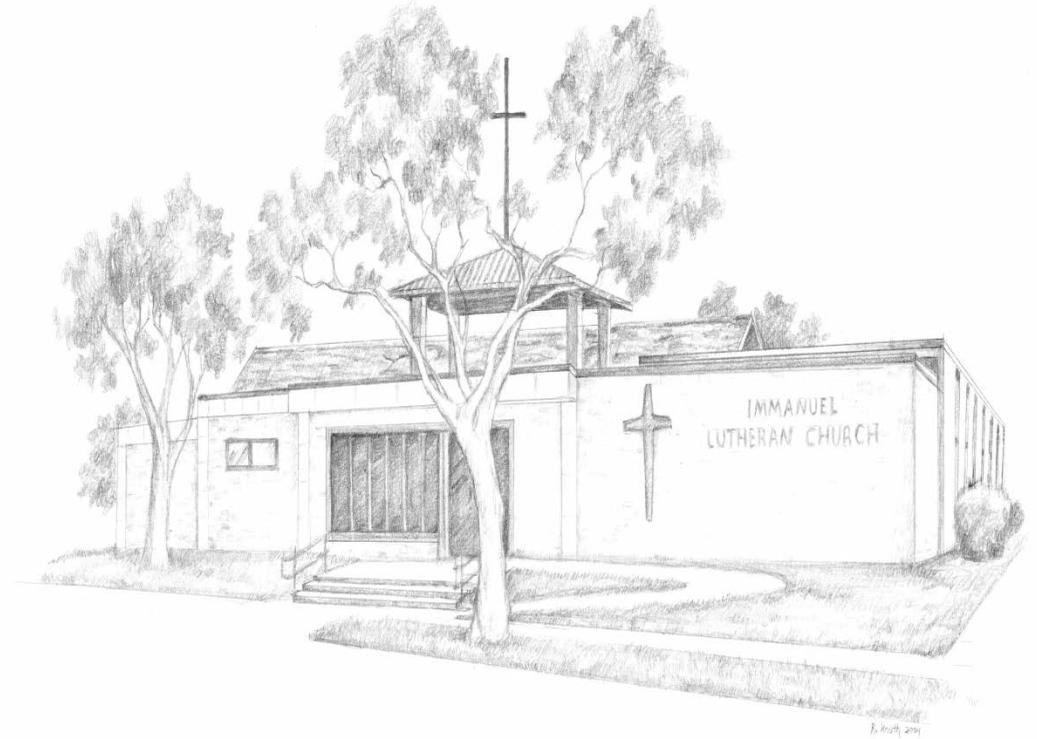
Lord's Supper for September: Communion Services will be *today* and September 20. We are switching dates because Pastor will be out-of-town September 7 through September 14. Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn will be here in Pastor Seelman's absence on September 13. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text our church office at (920) 233-1379.

Ladies' Guild: Our 2020-2021 'season' will be conducted differently this year. Instead of outlining our entire year-long monthly programs, we will be gathering on a month-to-month basis. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. (immediately following Bible Class).

From now through October, we plan to have a Mission collection to be used exclusively for some or all of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student Financial Aid, WELS Martin Luther College Student Financial Aid, Board for Home Missions, P.A.L.S. Apache Learning, Christian Aid Relief, WLA Student Financial Aid and Central Africa Medical Missions. There is a separate offering envelope included with September's Lamplighter and available on the sign-up table in our Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to donate to these charities. Thank you.

Our Church Council's next meeting is Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		Office Hours this week:	
Budgeted Need per week	\$3,120.00	Tue., Wed. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Budgeted Received 8-30	\$2,872.00		
Budgeted Need to date	\$109,200.00		
Budgeted Received to date	\$110,622.58	This week at Immanuel:	
		Tuesday	No Bible Class
Worship Attendance 8-30	47	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday Bible Class	10	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship Service



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September 6, 2020

THEME FOR WORSHIP: We recognize God's unsearchable wisdom and rejoice.

HYMN: 374 *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

- 1. My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, When I forsake his ways.
And leads me for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.**
- 2. The sure provisions of my God, Attend me all my days;
Oh, may his house be my abode, And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: 317 *"O Lord, We Praise You"*

- 3. May God bestow on us his grace and favor, To please him with our behavior.
And live together here in love and union, Cherishing our blest communion.
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not your good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly minded he make us.
Give your Church, Lord to see, Days of peace and unity.
O Lord, have mercy!**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements and Dismissal

HYMN OF THE DAY: 369 *“Beautiful Savior”*

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!**

SERMON TEXT: Romans 11:33–36 (EHV)

11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?”

35 “Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?”

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

SERMON THEME: Actually, I'm Unqualified

1. I can't possibly grasp his wisdom
2. I don't understand his judgments
3. I totally lack his resources
4. I humbly give him the glory

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

LESSON: Exodus 6:2-8 (EHV)

“The Lord” is the title that describes God as the God of the covenant – the God of faithful grace. The Lord is more fully known as he fulfills his promise in delivering his people from their enemies, setting them apart for himself, and guiding them to the promised land.

6:2 Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

“Therefore tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 34 (spoken / sung in unison)

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20 (EHV) (Please Stand)

Human wisdom would consider Jesus to be no more than a prophet. But Peter, on behalf of the disciples, confesses that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. It is on this rock solid statement that the church of God is built. It is now our duty to proclaim freedom to the penitent sinner and to warn those who refuse to recognize their life of sin.

16:13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Psalm 34

After the Gospel, the congregation says:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen**



Taste and see that the **L**ORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the **L**ORD are on the **r**ighteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the **L**ORD encamps around those who **f**ear him,*
and he **d**elivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the **L**ORD **h**ears them;*
he delivers them from all their **t**roubles.

The **L**ORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in **s**pirit.

The **L**ORD redeems his **s**ervants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the **F**ather and to the **S**on*
and to the **H**oly **S**pirit,
as it was in the **b**eginning,*
is now, and will be forever. **A**men.

Refrain