

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LWMS Fall Rally** is planned for Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Riverview Lutheran Church, 136 W. Seymour Street in Appleton. More information is in the September Lamplighter and a sign-up roster is located (below our bulletin board) in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in attending.

**Ladies' Guild:** From now through October 11, 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. Mission envelopes are available on the sign-up table in our Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to donate to these charities. Thank you.

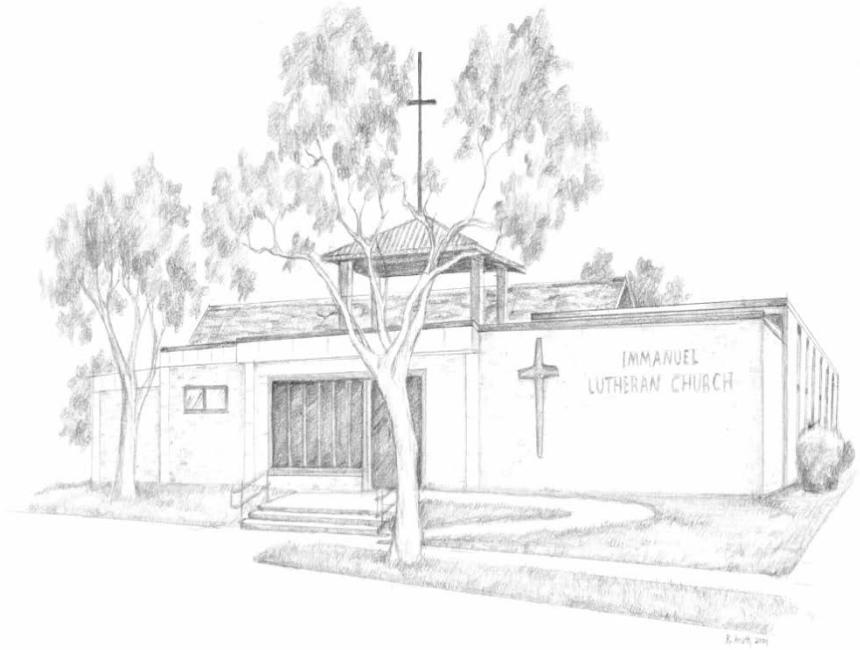
**"Mini" Mission Festival Is Scheduled For October 11:** We will have a mini-Mission Festival Sunday. No guest preachers and no pot-luck meal (sad), but our worship service will focus on taking God's Word to all people.

**May We Grow in the Grace and Wisdom of God Banner** This admonition is found in 2 Peter 3:18. We are to grow in grace by diligently hearing and reading God's Word. In this banner growth is represented by the green branch, wisdom by the lamp, and God's Word by the open Bible. Did you know? The non-festival times of the church year are known as "ordinary" or "green" Sundays. These Sundays include all but two of the Sundays after the Epiphany and all but two of the Sundays after Pentecost. (Reference Augsburg Publishing House 1986).

**Effective Next Sunday:** Immanuel will be going back to one Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. only. Precautions will be in place. Three greeters will be at our entrances and back of church to give direction, guidance and answer any questions or concerns. We have adequate capacity to safely worship with one Service. This change came through member requests, our Safety Committee and Church Council recommendations.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Larry Pfaffenroth (Fond du Lac care facility) and Addie Strasser (now on hospice).

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 09-20	\$1,607.00	<b>This week at Immanuel:</b>	
Budgeted Need to date	\$118,560.00	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Class
Budgeted Received to date	\$115,618.58	Sunday	9:00 a.m. (only) Worship Service
Worship Attendance 09-20	49	Any Day	Private Communion (Call Pastor)



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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

**WORSHIP THEME:** God's undeserved love empowers us to forgive those who sin against us.

**OPENING HYMN:** 226 *To Your Temple I Draw Near*

1. **To your temple I draw near: Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and word; Here believers meet there Lord**
2. **While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe  
Till your gospel brings to me, Life and immortality.**
3. **While your ministers proclaim, peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I, Hear you speaking from the sky.**
4. **From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."**

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Psalm 103

### Refrain

*I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people*

Praise the LORD, Q my soul;\*

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*

and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*

and crowns you with love and compassion.

### Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*

slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### Refrain

As a father has compassion on his children,\*

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*

he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*

the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*

from everlasting to everlasting.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Refrain

## 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.

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

### CLOSING HYMN: 588 *Abide with Me*

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide,  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
- 2. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**
- 3. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.!**

*Announcements and Dismissal*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21 (EHV)

*Although Joseph's brothers had sinned by selling him into slavery, when their father died, Joseph did not retaliate. Rather, he saw the gracious hand of God in that event, forgave his brothers, calmed their fears and spoke kindly to them.*

50:15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 103 (Spoken / Sung in unison)

### LESSON: Romans 14:5-9 (EHV)

*There are many matters of life in which we have freedom as followers of Jesus. God's Word neither commands nor forbids these things. Rather than judge a brother in matters of indifference, we recognize that we serve the same Master in this life and in the life to come.*

14:5 One person values one day above another. Another person values every day the same. Let each person be fully convinced in his own mind. The person who honors a certain day does this for the Lord, and the person who eats does this for the Lord, because he gives thanks to God. And the person who does not eat does this for the Lord and gives thanks to God. In fact, not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself. Indeed, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this reason he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 421 *All Depends on Our Possessing***

- 1. All depends on our possessing, God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken  
In their God are not forsaken, And e'er keep a dauntless heart.**
- 2. He who to this day has fed me, And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me, Will remain my help divine.**
- 3. Many spend their lives in fretting, Over trifles and in getting,  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure, And that now is seldom found.**
- 4. Well he knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt his wisdom never –  
As God wills so be it ever – I to him commit my way.**
- 5. If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in his grace.**

**SERMON TEXT:** Matthew 18:21-35 (EHV)

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

<sup>24</sup>When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup>"Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, 'Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!' <sup>27</sup>The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup>"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

<sup>29</sup>"So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!'

<sup>30</sup>But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

<sup>31</sup>"When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

<sup>32</sup>"Then his master called him in and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

<sup>35</sup>"This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart."

**SERMON THEME:** Forgiveness Has to Have Boundaries

1. Restricted by God's love
2. Controlled by God's frequency
3. Limited by God's completeness

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**