



Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
- Watch and follow the worship video on our website at www.immanlutheran.org.

Offerings may be mailed to the office:

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Contact the Office and Pastor:

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

Sunday, November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: Juan Cruz on Stewardship

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE 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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with
the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to
the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be
disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: O God, Our Help in Ages Past *verses 1-4*



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the out-pouring of God's power on the church, the world, and in all we need.

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, be with all police and fire, doctors and nurses, and all who are on the front lines. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members.

Hear us, O God.

8 Your mercy is great.

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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**

Communion

After all have communed:

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you
have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in
the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: **Let Justice Flow like Streams**



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman
Organist: Stan Elmquist

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Pastor Daren Erisman

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In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.

INSERT FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Monday, November 9		Common Sense Cleaning – Church Building
Tuesday, November 10	9:00 am	Men’s Coffee at Epic Egg, 3830 W 10 th St <i>(check with Juan)</i>
	6:30 pm	Committees & Council via Zoom
Thursday, November 12	10 am-3 pm	Recording of Worship Service in Sanctuary <i>(Please try to schedule your time in the church around this to avoid any extraneous noise. Thank you!)</i>

Starting October 25, worship will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Access information will be emailed to you or you will find it on the church website. Please be patient. We are working on in person worship, live streaming services, FM access in the parking lot and other worship opportunities for you.

	
Dick Hay Susan Truchses Shirley Marine	Roma Arithson Rodger Arithson Dana Hansen



Immanuel’s ASAP team has been and STILL IS keeping you in prayer.
If you have concerns or praises for the team,
contact Pastor in the church office or any member of the prayer team.
Roma Arithson, Dianna Fuller, Diane Felipe, Shirley Marine,
Don Peterson, Janet Willis

Blessing Bag Update



If you would like to carry a bag (or two) in your car so you can bless someone in need, we will have a drive-thru bag pick up in the parking lot at Immanuel on **Tuesday, November 10 from 3-6 pm.**

The remaining bags will be donated to the Housing Navigation Center on Wednesday, November 11th!

Feeding Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Immanuel would like to provide dinner once a month for the students of Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry (LECM). The meal needs to feed approximately 10 people and must be delivered to the LECM house before 6pm.

Our Date This Month:
Sunday, November 15, 2020



If you would like to provide the meal this month or another month in the future, please contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or email her at herold_amy@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Immanuel's Youth are selling Wall Calendars & Magnetic Notepads!



2021 Wall Calendars: \$10

Magnetic Notepads: \$5



This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are asking that you kindly place your order with Amy at 970.978.0870 or by email at herold_amy@hotmail.com before **Sunday, November 29, 2020.**

All orders can be paid for and picked up at Immanuel on **Sunday, December 6 from 10am-12pm.**

Or, if you are unable to pick up your order, contactless porch delivery will be available for an additional \$3.00 fee!

These make great gifts and stocking stuffers for all your friends and family! Supplies are limited so be sure to place your order ASAP.

**This is will be the only fundraiser Immanuel's Youth will do in 2020.
Your support is truly appreciated! Thank you!**

If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to office@immanlutheran.org