

# 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 worshiping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
- Watch and follow the worship video on our website at <a href="https://www.immanlutheran.org">www.immanlutheran.org</a>.

## 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 15, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost

#### **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Blessing of Quilts

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### WORD

## FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GoD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

13Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

18Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

# <sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

- Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2For you your selves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

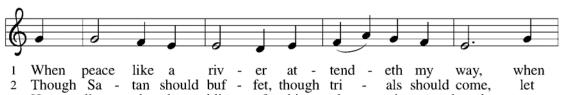
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Homily

## Hymn of the Day:

## When Peace like a River



- He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo ri - ous thought; my Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the
- sor rows like bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast sea this that Christ hath re - gard - ed blest as - sur - ance con - trol, my whole, not in part, but the is nailed to his cross and I clouds be rolled back scroll. the trum - pet shall sound and the





#### **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. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world.

Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Lord if all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing.

Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love.

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

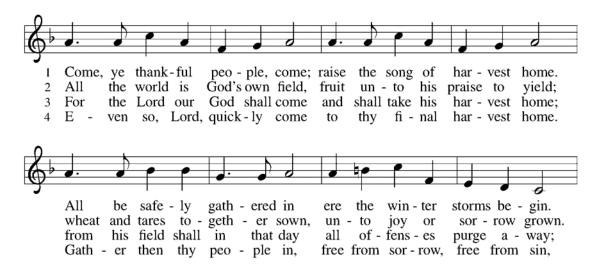
Purpose and Mission Statements:

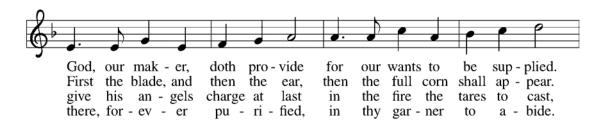
Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

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: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come







Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be. but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more. Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman

Pianist: Marcia Hutton

## **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 15, 2020**

Tuesday, November 17 9:00 am Men's Coffee at Epic Egg, 3830 W 10<sup>th</sup> St

(check with Juan)

Wednesday, November 18 9 am-3 pm Tuning of Piano

Thursday, November 19 9-1:00 pm Sewing & Lunch

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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.

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

Bev Peterson

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Celebrating birthdays this week are: November 16 -LaVina Schmahl November 17 - Aidan Herold November 18 - Ann Richardson November 21 – Cindy Thompson



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

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## 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 Gpm.

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!

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## 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!

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It's time for for the Christmas Season! Due to COVID, the suppliers have an abundant supply of poinsettias this sea-

so please consider purchasing poinsettias for church, your home, or as a special gift for a friend or relative.

Price -- \$12.00 Order deadline - Friday, November 27th Pick up - Sunday, November 29th at the church To order: please contact Cheryl Clausen at 970-978-0726 or cclausen 80@yahoo.com

## Your Immanuel Council is aware of the rising COVID numbers and will be monitoring the situation.

Council is ready to comply with any health mandates that may be issued. In the meantime, plans are progressing for new worship procedures starting November 29, 2020.

You will have the option to worship in person, in the parking lot or on-line. Inside, social distancing is designed to exceed the 6 feet distancing recommendation, masks must be worn at all times, and congregational responses and singing will be strongly discouraged.

In the parking lot, you will tune in to an FM station to hear and participate in worship. Communion will be provided for those worshiping in the parking lot. And, online, the worship service will be live- streamed. You will be able to worship at home at the same time with those worshiping inside the church and in the parking lot.

Thank you for responsibly choosing the worship option each week that will work best for you and your Immanuel family members during this health crisis.

## Pledge Sunday 2020

Remembering you are a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Family; we recognize this year has been difficult in many ways for many people. These difficulties are not to be ignored, as we look at Pledge Sunday 2020.

A pledge is an estimate of how much money you plan to give to the church over the next year. It is not a binding contract as circumstances can change – and pledges may be revised depending on your situation.

Your pledge makes it possible for Immanuel to create a budget for staffing, ministries, programs and outreach for the coming year. Pledging is the primary basis for what we can accomplish as a church. It provides a way for you to grow in your faith by sharing the resources God has blessed you with.

Just as everyone has a different financial situation, the amount of your pledge is also an individual decision. Pledges of any amount are welcome.

On the pledge form, indicate the amount of your pledge on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis-whichever way will work the best for you. Please also remember there are many other ways you can pledge to help Immanuel continue to grow and be successful! Most of all, thank you!

If you have any questions about pledging, please don't hesitate to ask.

\*\*Includes information from The First Congregational Church of Hanover, MA.

"What is a Pledge?\*\*

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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