

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (February 7 - 14)

Today~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
 7:00 p.m. A.A meeting in conference room
 Monday ~ 7:00 p.m. Committees
 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
 Tuesday ~ 1:00 p.m. Quilting
 7:00 p.m. N.A. meeting in conference room
 Wednesday ~ 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
 Saturday ~ 7:30 a.m. Yoga
 Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
 7:00 p.m. A.A. meeting in conference room

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SUNDAY (February 7)

Acolyte: Summer Kabisch
PowerPoint: Maggie Jaenisch
Lay Reader: Duane Dieken
Ushers: April Jaenisch, Jack Miller,
 Sawyer Janssen, Greta Meyer

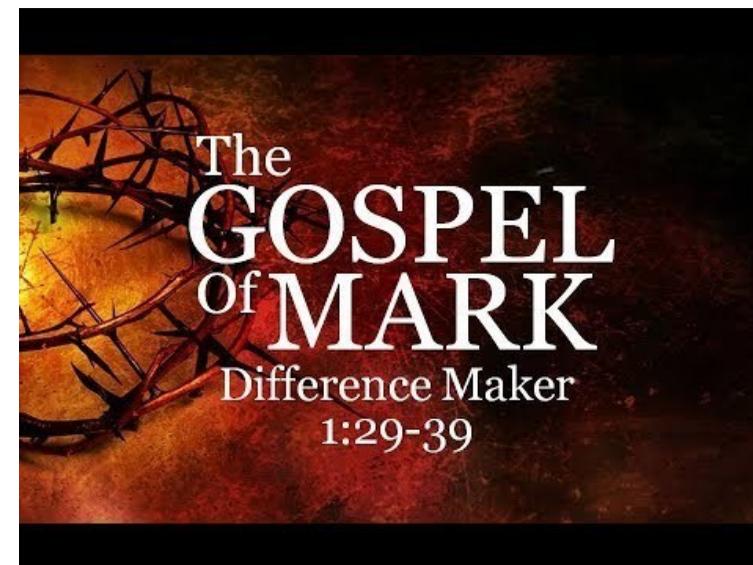
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NEXT SUNDAY (February 14)

Greta Meyer
 Breanna Dirksen
 Annette Rosen
 Ross & Carissa Pederson

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Reminder: If you'd like Pastor Joel to visit you or your family member, you just need to let him or the church office know. We are always available for you in bad times, good times, anxious times. Please call...

The January, February, and March Noisy Offering will be going to the Green Lake Bible Camp.

Generous Reflections: Through Christ's death and resurrection, "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them." Paul followed that sentence with a sobering exhortation to us, his readers: "And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20). This, then, is what our response should be to God's great love for us: to carry the message of Christ crucified for sinners to a world in need.



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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays!

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 This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored anonymously, prayers to all families ill and hurting and all the volunteers.

Many dates are open for 2021. \$100 to sponsor, call the office at 320-847-2138.

Worship services are now broadcast over Cable Channel 8 and 117.2, FM radio 93.9, and AM 1460 or view the livestream of the service at Immanuel Lutheran's facebook page.

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 Tri-Community AA Meetings will be held every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in our Upper Parish Hall Conference Room. Contact Todd Osthus (320) 212-8676 for more information.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Amen.

HYMN: OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (SONG LEADERS)

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
3. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
5. Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
6. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

KYRIE

(PASTOR & SONG LEADERS)

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison:

Christ have mercy.

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

REPEAT 1X

HYMN OF PRAISE:

(SONG LEADERS)

(Refrain) Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Final Refrain) Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

¹ Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹ He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD! The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SONG LEADERS)

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL (SONG LEADERS)

(Refrain) Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)
2. In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding; give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain)
3. Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain)
4. You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)

APSOSTLES CREED (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

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 into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

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 & POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: THY HOLY WINGS (SONG LEADERS)

1. Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.

2. Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast. Where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there. For I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3. Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping, thy children great and small. And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

DISMISSAL

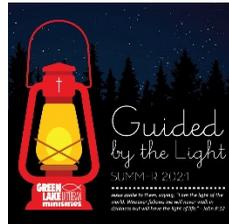
God in peace. Be the light of Christ.

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Offering envelopes for 2021 are in your mail box along with the 2021 Volunteer handbook. If you could help deliver to family and friends, we would appreciate it!

Feeling Lonely? If you are feeling isolated and need to connect with somebody, volunteers are available to have a friendly chat! The Conversational Phone Line for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. 1-866-777-0250. CarrisHealth CentraCare with support from the Willmar Area Community Foundation.

The Parkinson's Support and Education group continues to meet the first and third Monday of every month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Because of COVID and social distancing, we have been meeting virtually every Monday via ZOOM platform. Anyone who is affected by Parkinson's Disease, is encouraged to attend our virtual meetings! To learn more about this group and/or obtain log in information, please contact Lori Petersen at 320-321-8241 or 320-226-2343. This support group is free and is sponsored by CCM Health in Montevideo.



The Green Lake Bible Camp theme for 2021—"Guided by the light." Come explore how the love and light of God has guided people through joy-filled as well as challenging situations in the Bible and TODAY!

Online and paper registration will open on January 25, 2021. Registrations received before March 1, 2021 will get \$40.00 off of each registered program. You may pick up a brochure in the office if interested.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Countryside Public Health is currently vaccinating our phase 1A populations. When we move forward with vaccine rollout to our 65+ populations, we will communicate via: Radio, Newspaper, Countrysidepublichealth.org, Social Media pages, and our local partners. We understand these are very uncertain times and we wish good health upon all of you. Please continue to social distance, wash your hands, wear a mask, and stay home when you are ill other than seeking medical care. If you have more questions, please reach out 800-657-3291. Thank You, Countryside Public Health