

HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (August 30 – September 6)

Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

TODAY (August 30)

Acolyte & Power Point: Sawyer Janssen

Acolyte: Jase Dirksen

PowerPoint: Breanna Dirksen

Lay Reader: Gary Meyer

Ushers: Dean & Judy Gosseling

NEXT SUNDAY (September 6)

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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...

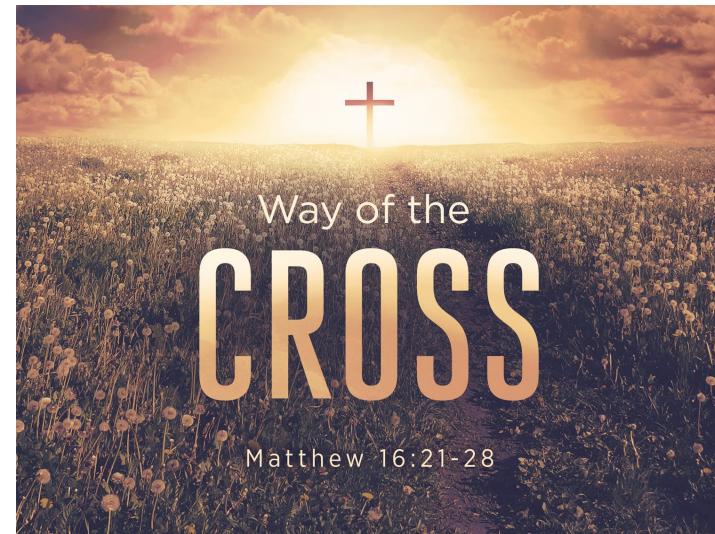
The July, August, and September Noisy Offering will be going to Lutheran Disaster Response.



Generous Reflections: God wants Christians to meet the needs of others.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

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This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored anonymously given in memory of Larry Hanson.

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.

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

AUGUST 30 2020

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFSSION 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

HYMN:

LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

SONG LEADERS

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in his footsteps treading, travelers here, our home above; full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding. Faithful Lord with me abide, I shall follow where you guide.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness, where he is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy; all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after. Jesus here I share your woe, help me there your joy to know.
3. Let us gladly die with Jesus, since by death he conquered death; he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven. Jesus here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
4. Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead; that to life we may awaken. Jesus you are now our head. We are your own living members, where you live there we shall be; in your presence constantly, living there with you forever. Jesus let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

GREETING

SPOKEN BY PASTOR

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

SONG LEADERS

KRYIE:

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!

THIS IS THE FEAST:

SONG LEADERS

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be exalted thus!" "Worthy the Lamb", our lips reply, "For he was slain for us!"
3. Jesus is worthy to receive: honor and power divine; and blessings more than we can give be Lord forever thine.
4. Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name; of God who sits upon the throne and to adore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

¹ Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered. ² Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; ³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. ⁴ I do not sit with the

deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.⁶ I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.⁸ LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

SONG LEADERS

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving Word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord we sing, for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:15-28

¹⁵ Jesus asked the disciples, "But who do you say that I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing

here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME SONG LEADERS

1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
3. "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
5. "Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me."

APOSTLES 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, 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

SPOKEN BY PASTOR

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

SPOKEN BY PASTOR

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

BLESSING

And now, may the Lord agitate you. May the Lord keep before you the faces of the hungry, the lonely, the rejected and the despised. May the Lord distress you with pain for the hurt, the wounded, the oppressed, the abused, the victims of violence. May God grace you with an unquenchable thirst, a burning thirst for justice and righteousness.

May the Lord give you courage and strength and compassion to make ours a better world, to make your community a better community, to make your church a better church. May you do your best to make it so; and after you have done your best, may the Lord grant you peace; in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE SONG LEADERS

1. You have come down to the lakeshore, seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy; but only asking for me to follow. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.
2. You know full well what I have Lord, neither treasure nor weapons of conquest; just these my fish nets and will for working. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.
3. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary; a love that's willing to go on loving. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.
4. You who have fished other waters, you the longing of souls that are yearning. O Loving Friend you have come to call me. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news. OK, WE WILL!



It is that time of year again. In a little over a month fall programming will begin again at Immanuel. **With that being said if you are interested in teaching or helping with Sunday school, or are interested in being a small group/mentor for confirmation please give me a call in the office.** Pastor Joel

Join us Thursday, September 3 and 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Almich's Market for Hamburgers, Hot dogs, chips and water. Free Will donations accepted. Funds go for CC Lions Community Projects.

Bethany Reformed Church will be having their Annual Fall Benefit Supper on Wednesday, September 9th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Take-out Turkey Dinner...drive thru the alley to pick up your meals. All proceeds will go towards the Clara City Ambulance, Clara City Fire Department & Clara City Aquatic Center.

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, or would just like to learn more, 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.