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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (October 11 - 18)

Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion/Pastor Appreciation Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
Monday ~ **Office Closed for Columbus Day**
7:00 p.m. Committees
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Wednesday ~ **NO** Confirmation MEA break
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday school

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TODAY (October 11)

Acolyte: Cadence Rosendahl
PowerPoint: Breanna Dirksen
Lay Reader: Duane Dieken
Ushers: Brian & Kristi Hilbrands

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NEXT SUNDAY (October 18)

Mia Shubert
Maggie Jaenisch
Kathy Fritz
Rod & Patty Rand

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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 October, November and December Noisy Offering will be going to ??

Generous Reflections: Jesus said, *"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:14-16). Jesus is the light of the world. He became one of us to overcome the darkness of sin, wickedness, and unbelief. As Christians, we are the light of the world because we reflect the light of Jesus. When we live our lives in such a way that people are able to see the difference Christ makes in us, our lights shine brightly. Interestingly, Jesus does not say that he wants us to be lights. He tells us that we are lights because he has changed us into people who live to glorify and serve him. With God's strength, our lights will never be darkened but will shine brightly.

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Immanuel's **WEBSITE:** www.ilc-ClaraCity.org

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 in memory of Doris Schei given by Jim and family.

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.

OCTOBER 11, 2020

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SPOKEN BY PASTOR

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

HYMN: **O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS** **SONG LEADERS**

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light; O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you the high and lowly through ages joined in tune; sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.
2. On you at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you r Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven; and thus on you most glorious a three-fold light was given.
3. Today on weary nations the heavenly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls; where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams; and living water flowing with soul refreshing streams.
4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest; we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

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.

KRYIE:

SONG LEADERS

(Refrain) Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

HYMN OF PRAISE:

SHOUT TO THE LORD

SONG LEADERS

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

(Repeat 1x)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:1-9

25 LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. **2** You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. **3** Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you. **4** You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall **5** and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled. **6** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. **7** On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; **8** he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. **9** In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

⁴Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! ²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

SONG LEADERS

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

²²Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.” The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE SONG LEADERS

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord I pour, at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be, ever only all for thee.

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SPOKEN BY PASTOR

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who have spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you in favor and give you peace; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE SONG LEADERS

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

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*** Church Office Hours for the month of October and into November ***

Monday – Thursday 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Joel on his cell phone at 952-807-3330 or you may call and leave a message on the secretary's phone at 320-847-2138.



TODAY Is Pastor Appreciation Sunday

*Thank you Pastor Joel for all you do.
For your work, your kindness and guidance too
We're so blessed that you're our Pastor
And our lives you've truly touched!*

Attention Confirmation Students and Parents! There will not be Confirmation on Wednesday, October 14th....enjoy MEA break!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sacred Heart invites you to their **Harvest Meal...Take-Out and Delivery.** Meal: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Corn, Coleslaw, Fresh Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Water. Free Will Offering. Thursday, October 15th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. pick up at front door of church (400 1st Ave. Sacred Heart, MN)

Raymond United Methodist Women Fall Fundraiser. This year because of the pandemic, we will not be holding our usual Fall Bazaar. Instead, we are taking orders for **Lefse and Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chili and Beef Stew.** Lefse \$5 for a package of three rounds. Soups \$3 for a 16 oz. container. Call Kim @ 320-295-6510, Char @ 320-967-4184 or 320-444-4915, or Kay @ 320-894-3664 to place your order. Orders MUST be in by October 1. Pick up will be Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

God's Work Our Hands

Because of COVID-19, we are unable to do our annual Food for Kidz pack day. But your hard-working hands and generous hearts are still needed!

Here are two ways to make a difference:

- Fall clean-up for folks who need assistance: raking leaves, trimming shrubs, gutters, windows, etc.
- Pen-pal Partners with Clara City Care Center residents: communicate via notes, cards, kid's drawings, phone calls, or video chats. This is a very lonely time for many residents with few visits and limited social activities. Share a smile! (2 contacts/month and 6 month commitment suggested)

Individuals and families are encouraged to consider either or both opportunities. After deciding how you want to be involved, please contact Michelle at the church office. 847-2138 Questions? Call or text Laine Rieger 894-6649 or rieger4444@gmail.

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, 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.