

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (October 4 - 11)

Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Community Meal pickup down church alleyway
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
Wednesday ~ 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion/Pastor Appreciation Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sunday school

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TODAY (October 4)

Acolyte: Keegan Rand
PowerPoint: Peyton Schlaagel
Lay Reader: Ken Beyerl
Ushers: April Jaenisch, Summer Kabisch,
Greta Meyer, Emersen Tatge

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NEXT SUNDAY (October 11)

Cadence Rosendahl
Breanna Dirksen
Duane Dieken
Brian & Kristi Hilbrands

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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: Through his prophet Malachi, God invites us to put him to the test. He says to us, *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it”* (Malachi 3:10). God wants us to give generously, and he promises to bless us graciously and abundantly in return. We will be blessed spiritually, and, in his sovereignty, God may even choose to bless some of us materially. As we put him to the test through our giving, we express our gratitude, faith, and obedience which pleases God.



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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 loving memory of Leonard Kleene given by Peter & Phyllis McMahan, Gerald & Karen Kleene, and Marvin Kleene.

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 4, 2020

18th 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: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION SONG LEADERS

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the world. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food; and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"; and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war; she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest; and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One; and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace; that we like saints before us may see you face to face.

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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?" ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. ⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁹ You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. ¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. ¹² Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes? ¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. ¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, ¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 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 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and

it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: **AMAZING GRACE** **SONG LEADERS**

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now and found; was blind but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

NICENE CREED **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: RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD SONG LEADERS

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek, the paths which Christ has trod; and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

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!!! Community Meal serving from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the menu: Goulash hotdish, Bun, Corn and Dessert. We will again be serving to go orders in the church alley way. To sign up, call the church office at 847-2138 or on the church's Facebook page. All are Welcome!!

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.

MAMLN (Montevideo Area Memory Loss Network) is excited to partner with the Alzheimer's Association to host a one hour VIRTUAL fall event on Thursday, October 8 beginning at 11 a.m. The event is free, however pre-registration is required. To register please call 1-800-272-3900. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Petersen at 320-226-2343.

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.