

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

## HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (August 16 - 23)

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

### TODAY (August 16)

**Acolyte & Power Point:** April Jaenisch

**Ushers:** Murlaine Rieger

### NEXT SUNDAY (August 23)

Adrienne Pankratz

Ken & Jan Beyerl

*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 loves both the rich and the poor. However, it is difficult for the rich to love the Lord because they can so easily become absorbed in the things that they possess. Jesus warned that wealth can be highly dangerous. He told how difficult it was for the rich to be saved when He said, *"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God!"* (Luke 18:24-25). God doesn't condemn wealth. The warning is about the attitude that an abundance of money and possessions can cause. Paul wrote, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* (1 Timothy 6:10).



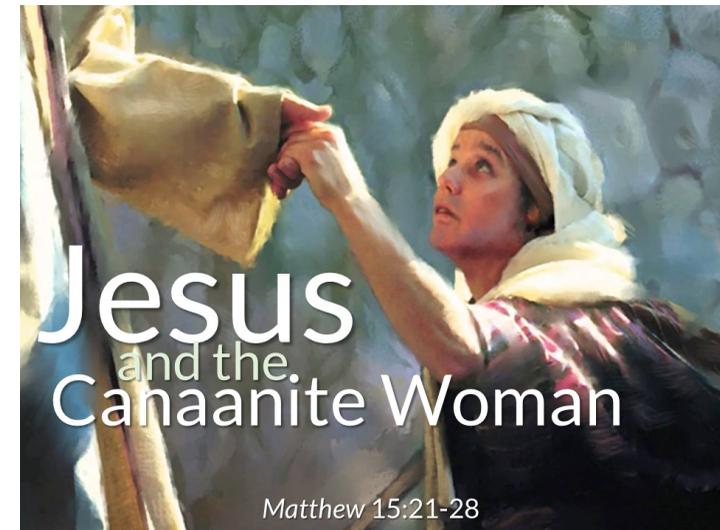
Join us this Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:30 at Almich's Market for Hamburgers, Hot dogs, chips and water. Free Will donations accepted. Funds go for CC Lions Community Projects.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!



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

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.



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

This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored in loving memory of Ron Palmer who passed away on August 19, given by Lou and family.

*1 date left for 2020, only \$80.00 to sponsor.  
(Date available: October 18)*

**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 Osthus (320) 212-8676 for more information.

**AUGUST 16, 2020**

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**SPOKEN BY PASTOR**

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: 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 word. 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**

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**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8**

**56** This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

**6** And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—**7** these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." **8** The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 67**

**1** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—**2** so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. **3** May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. **4** May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. **5** May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. **6** The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. **7** May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32**

11 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. 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 15:[10-20] 21-28**

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." 12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" 13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." 15 Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." 16 "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. 17 "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." 27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**JESUS LOVES ME!**

**SONG LEADERS**

1. Jesus loves all! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves all, yes, Jesus loves all, yes, Jesus loves all, the Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves all! He who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away our sin, let all his children come in. Yes, Jesus loves all, yes, Jesus loves all, yes, Jesus loves all, the Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves all! He will stay close beside us all the way; when at last we come to die, he will take us home on high. Yes, Jesus loves all, yes, Jesus loves all yes, Jesus loves all, the Bible tells me so.

**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:**

**ON OUR WAY REJOICING**

**SONG LEADERS**

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!
2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore; on our way rejoicing now and evermore. On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

**DISMISSAL:**

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