

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (February 21 - 28)

Today~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
 7:00 p.m. A.A meeting in conference room
 Tuesday ~ 1:00 p.m. Quilting
 7:00 p.m. N.A. meeting in conference room
 Wednesday ~ 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service with Communion
 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

SUNDAY (February 21)

Acolyte: Domonic Neville
PowerPoint: Sam Miller
Lay Reader: Carissa Pederson
Ushers: Keith & Sarah Rand

NEXT SUNDAY (February 28)

Emersen Tatge
 Peyton Schlaagel
 Gary Meyer
 LuAnn Kruger, Rose Berghuis

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: God never abandons us, but we can elect to turn away from him. In spite of the good things and miracles Jesus did on earth, many rejected him. They cried, “*Crucify him! Crucify him!*” (Luke 23:21). We are appalled. “How could they?” we think, but whenever we refuse to deny ourselves and follow him we reject the Savior as well. When our focus is on ourselves, we push God out of our lives. “*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*” (2 Corinthians 9:15), our Good Shepherd who comes looking for his lost and erring sheep (John 10:14-16).



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Immanuel's WEBSITE: www.ilc-ClaraCity.org
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This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has not been sponsored.

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 Osthuis (320) 212-8676 for more information.

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS (SONG LEADERS)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of Hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over power us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail! One little word subdues him.
4. God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's our forever!

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

(SONG LEADERS)

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us, in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you, Lord alone to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high yet near to all. Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright; for the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." ¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. ² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. ⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are

good. ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. ¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

We are turning, Lord to hear you, you are merciful and kind; slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

CHIEF OF SINNERS (SONG LEADERS)

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me; died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above; deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity. Love the found me wondrous thought, found me when I sought him not.
3. Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart; peace that flows from sin forgiven, joy that lifts the soul to heaven; faith and hope to walk with God, in the way that Enoch trod.
4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own. He sustains the hidden life, safe with him from earthly strife.
5. O my Savior help afford, by your Spirit and your word! When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply, while I live and when I die.

APOSTLES CREED

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

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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

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER (SONG LEADERS)

1. Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

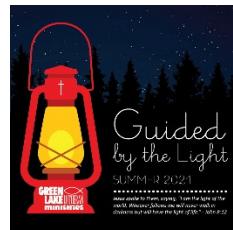
DISMISSAL

God in peace. Share the good news.

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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