

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (January 31 – February 7)

Today~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Congregational Annual Meeting/Sunday school
 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Community Meal
 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 ~ 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
 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 (January 31)

Acolyte: April Jaenisch
PowerPoint: Peyton Schlaegel
Lay Reader: Ken Beyerl
Ushers: Brenda Kabisch family

NEXT SUNDAY (February 7)

Summer Kabisch
 Breanna Dirksen
 Duane Dieken
 April Jaenisch, Jack Miller,
 Sawyer Janssen, Greta Meyer

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: Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build his kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.



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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!

This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored in loving memory of Ronnie Rand given by Phyllis and family.

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.

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.

JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Amen.

HYMN:

DEAREST JESUS AT YOUR WORD

(SONG LEADERS)

1. Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in glowing faith be near you. As the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight, lie in deepest darkness shrouded; till your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded. All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

3. Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of Light from God proceeding; Jesus send your blessed light, help our hearing, speaking, heeding; that our prayer and songs may please you as with grateful hearts we praise you.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration! Grant us what we need the most; all your gospel's consolation. While we here on earth await you, till in heaven with praise we greet you.

GREETING

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

KRYIE

(PASTOR & SONG LEADERS)

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison:

Christ have mercy.

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

REPEAT 1X

HYMN OF PRAISE:

(SONG LEADERS)

(Refrain) Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(Final Refrain) Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

8 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. **2** Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; **3** but anyone who loves God is known by him. **4** Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” **5** Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— **6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. **7** It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. **8** “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. **9** But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. **10** For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? **11** So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. **12** But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. **13** Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SONG LEADERS)

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. **22** They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. **23** Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, **24** and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” **25** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” **26** And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. **27** They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” **28** At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD (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 overpower us. Let this world’s tyrant rage, in battle we’ll engage! His might is doomed to fail, God’s judgment 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 ours forever!

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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in God 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 (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

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

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: O CHRIST YOUR HEART COMPASSIONATE (SONG LEADERS)

1. O Christ, your heart compassionate, bore every human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God, its breadth God’s vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme; to write God’s love in human deeds, eternity in time.

2. As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind; so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone, and help us bear another’s pain as though it were our own.

3. O Christ create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours; that joined by faith with your great heart, become love’s open doors. We are your body risen Christ our hearts, our hands we yield; that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

4. O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow’s fall; whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all; come make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways; whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

DISMISSAL

God in peace. Be the light of Christ.



TODAY!! Community meal serving from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the menu: Chili, Corn Muffins, Cheese Sticks and bars. We will be serving to go orders in the church alley way. Please comment on the Church's Facebook page or call the office at 320-847-2138 with the number of meals you are wanting.

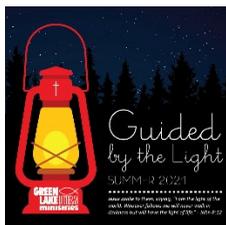


TODAY!! Immanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting following our 9:00 a.m. service. The annual report is in back of the church.

Offering envelopes for 2021 are in your mail box along with the 2021 Volunteer handbook. If you could help deliver to family and friends, we would appreciate it!

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