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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (February 28 – March 7)

Tonight ~ 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

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SUNDAY (February 28)

Acolyte: Emersen Tatge

PowerPoint: Peyton Schlaagel

Lay Reader: Gary Meyer

Ushers: LuAnn Kruger, Rose Berghuis

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NEXT SUNDAY (March 7)

Jase Dirksen

Breanna Dirksen

Laurie Dieken

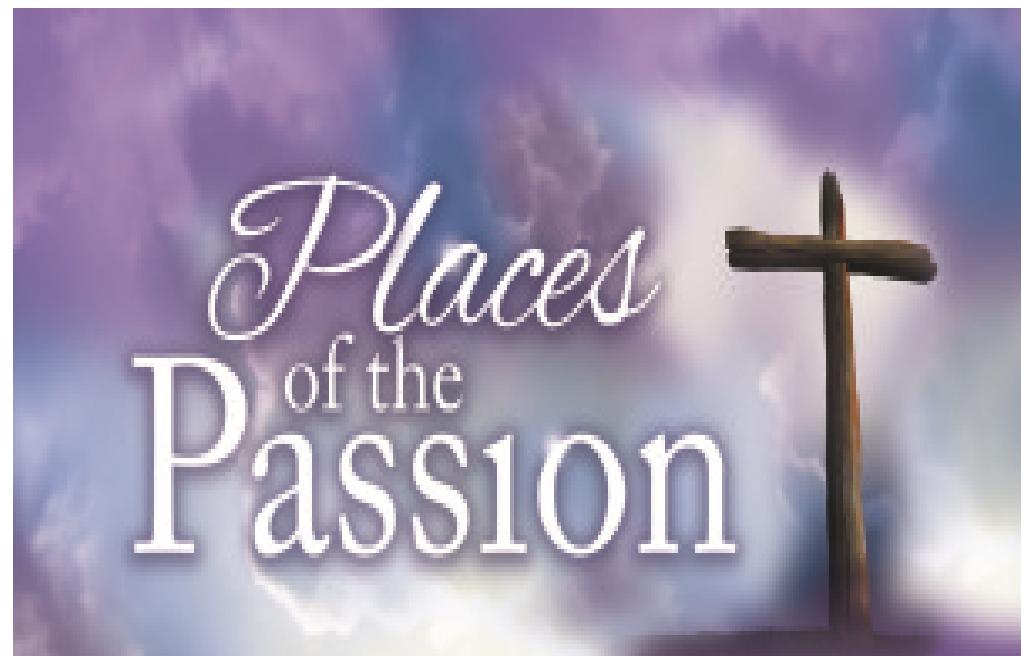
Summer Kabisch, Callie Jaenisch,

Cadence Rosendahl, Emersen Tatge

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.

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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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Many dates are open to sponsor for 2021 radio broadcast. \$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 24, 2021

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESS& FORGIVENESS

(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

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: **BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS** **(SONG LEADERS)**

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way; from the burning of the noon tide heat and burdens of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see, the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart with tears two wonders I confess; the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

3. I take O cross your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by to know no gain or loss; my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

PRAYER OF THE DAY **(SPOKEN BY PASTOR)**

Gracious God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to follow in the way of the cross, that we be transformed to lives of love, humility, and service for the sake of the world you so love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD! The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-11

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 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: LUKE 22:14-27

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE (SONG LEADERS)

1. Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need; who upon the cross forsaken worked your mercy's perfect deed; we your servants bring the worship not of voice alone but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead. As you Lord in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul; by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3. As we worship grant us vision till your love's revealing light; in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight; making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go; to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give; that your servants Lord in freedom, may your mercy know and live.

APSOSTLES 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**

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: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER (SONG LEADERS)

1. Children of the heavenly father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he sheweth and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children never forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

DISMISSAL

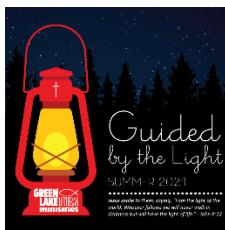
Marked with the cross of Christ, let us go forth to serve the Lord.



Our Community meal is next Sunday, March 7th serving from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the menu: Beef Commercial, Vegetables and Dessert. 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.

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