

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (October 25 – November 1)

Today~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
7:00 p.m. A.A meeting in conference room
Tuesday~7:00 p.m. N.A. meeting in conference room
Wednesday ~ NO Confirmation
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Community Meal



REFORMATION Sunday

TODAY (October 25)

NEXT SUNDAY (November 1)

Acolyte: Wyatt Swenson
PowerPoint: Brielle Janssen
Lay Reader: Judi Boike
Ushers: Randy & Julie Pieper

April Jaenisch
Sam Miller
Carissa Pederson
Robbie & Rachelle Dirksen family

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 the Chippewa county food shelf

Generous Reflections: No matter how hard we try, we will never completely overcome our selfishness and greed. Even though Scripture tells us that worldly treasures can't provide us with any real security, we don't always distinguish between providing responsibly for our future needs and selfish hoarding. Jesus said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). What we acquire in this life will at some time be lost; however, what we do for Christ will last forever. Jesus also said, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" (Luke 9:25).

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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 anonymously in memory of Larry Hanson.

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.

**OCTOBER 25, 2020**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**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:**

**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 overpower 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 ours forever!

**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**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep your church steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 46**

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 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: JOHN 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: *ALL ARE WELCOME* *SONG LEADERS***

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone, to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard, and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

## **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: *I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY* *SONG LEADERS***

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above; of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story; it will be my theme in glory; to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story how pleasant to repeat; what seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story for some have never heard, the message of salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story; twill be my theme in glory; to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
3. I love to tell the story for those who know it best; seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song; I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; twill be my theme in glory; to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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

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**Our next Community Meal is next Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.** On the menu: Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Chips, Carrots/Celery Sticks, and Apple Pie. Cost is FREE! All are Welcome! 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.

**Confirmation Students and Parents** There will be NO Confirmation on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, we will start up again on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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: 1) Fall clean-up for folks who need assistance: raking leaves, trimming shrubs, gutters, windows, etc. 2) 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.

**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.