

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (August 9 - 16)

Monday ~ 7:00 p.m. Committees  
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting  
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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**TODAY (August 9)**

**Acolyte & Power Point:** Emersen Tatge

**Ushers:** Murlaine Rieger

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**NEXT SUNDAY (August 16)**

April Jaenisch

Murlaine Rieger

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*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:** As Christians, we can, in Christ, share his love with others through our good acts. God has chosen and equipped us to be his instruments of support, service, and compassion. As C. S. Lewis wrote, "Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." In essence, God uses the small things that we do and multiplies them into something significant. Paul wrote, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).



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

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This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored by Roger and Linda Wilkens.

*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.**

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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 Osthus (320) 212-8676 for more information.

**AUGUST 9, 2020**

**10<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: ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE SONG LEADERS**

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bad the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep; oh hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm did sleep; oh hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give for wild confusion, peace; oh hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour, from rock and tempest, fire and fore, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee, glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

**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**

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-18**

<sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup> He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." <sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came,

and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>17</sup> Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. <sup>18</sup> Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.” The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly. <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

### **SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” 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 14:22-33**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they

were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME SONG LEADERS**

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me, over life’s tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal; chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
2. As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them: “Be still.” Wondrous sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
3. When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar, twixt me and the peaceful rest, then while leaning on thy breast, may I hear thee say to me; “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

### **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: MY LIFE FLOWS ON SONG LEADERS**

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
3. What though my joys and comforts die, the Lord may Savior liveth! What though the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his, how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

**DISMISSAL:**

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

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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.