

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

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HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (April 25 – May 2)

Today ~ 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
7:00 p.m. Tri-Community AA Meeting in Conference Room-Upper Parish Hall
Tuesday ~ 1:00 p.m. Quilting
Wednesday ~ 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday school
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Community Meal
7:00 p.m. Tri-Community AA Meeting in Conference Room in Upper Parish Hall

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SUNDAY (April 25)

Acolyte: April Jaenisch
PowerPoint: Sam Miller
Lay Reader: Carissa Pederson
Ushers: Judy Noble
Communion Helper: Daryl Niemeyer

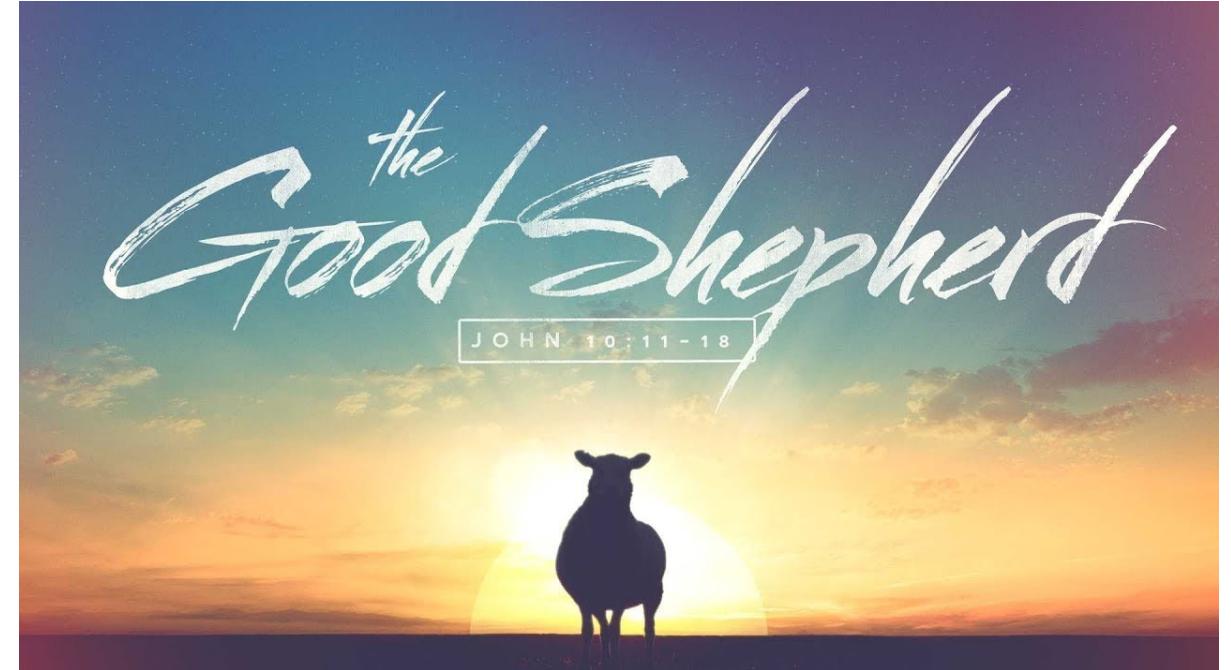
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NEXT SUNDAY (May 2)

Sawyer Janssen
Peyton Schlaegel
Daryl Niemeyer
Brian and Kristi Hilbrands
Phyllis Rand

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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 April, May, and June Noisy Offering will be going to ??

Generous Reflections: As we become more Christ-like, we become more interested in others and less likely to serve only ourselves. This transformation is possible because God renews our minds and changes our hearts. Because God enables us to see things through his eyes, we begin to comprehend what his will is, and we live our lives trying to please him. With our focus on ourselves diminished, we look for opportunities to help the people God places around us. Whenever we help those in need in Christ's name, we are in reality doing our acts of service unto Jesus himself (Matthew 25:40).



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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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This morning's **Radio Broadcast** has been sponsored in memory of our loved ones given by Jim and Linda Rhode.

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.

APRIL 25, 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

WELCOM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.

Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow,

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for you salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

GATHERING HYMN:

HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

1. Hallelujah, Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death, Christ the conqueror has gone; bright forerunner to the skies, of his people yet to rise.

2. Jesus lives why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here, lives our brother still on high; lives forever to bestow, blessings on his church below.

3. Jesus lives and thus my soul, life eternal waits for you; joined to Christ your living head, where he is you shall be too; with the Lord at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.

4. Jesus lives let all rejoice! Praise him ransomed of the earth. Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heavenly birth. Praise the victor king whose sway, sin and death and hell obey.

5. Hallelujah, angels sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain, which our feeble voices raise; glory to our God above, and on earth his peace and love!

GREETING

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

THIS IS THE FEAST:

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(Refrain) This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (Refrain)**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**
- 4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Christ, **good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be whole. Make us one with you for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Alleluia!

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: HAVE NO FEAR LITTLE FLOCK

1. Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flocks, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom, have no fear little flock.

2. Have good cheer little flock, have good cheer little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer little flock.

3. Praise the Lord high above, praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you, praise the Lord high above.

4. Thankful hearts raise to God, thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you, thankful hearts raise to God.

NICENE CREED

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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD’S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

GRAPE JUICE & GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

HYMN: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

1. The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with thee dear Lord beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight, thine unction grace bestoweth; and oh what transport of delight, from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise, within thy house forever.

HYMN: WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

1. We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied, the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
2. We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released; from hungry folk of every kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
3. We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease; and knowing though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us still. We come, we come to the hungry feast.

HYMN: LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun. O Lord, have mercy on me.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. And now may our Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

1. Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care/ In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.
2. We are yours in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
3. You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
4. Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. **OK WE WILL!!!**

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Our next Community meal is next Sunday, May 2nd serving from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. On the menu: scalloped potatoes & ham, vegetables, & desert. 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.



Graduation Sunday is set for Sunday, May 9th during our 9:00 a.m. service. Cake & refreshments to follow in fellowship hall.

Get ready for the **MACCRAY 2180 Foundation 13th annual fundraiser!** This year we will be doing an online auction with the help of Zielsdorf Auction. Over 100 items and packages will be available to bid on starting on April 25th and run through May 5th. Follow the MACCRAY 2180 Foundation Facebook page or check out www.zielsdorfauction.com for more info. But that's not all! We will also be hosting a free will donation drive through cheeseburger meal on Friday, May 7th, from 5-7 p.m. The meal will be at the MACCRAY high school in Clara City. To date, the MACCRAY 2180 Foundation has provided about \$130,000 to enhance the educational extracurricular opportunities of the MACCRAY students.

The Congregational Life Committee are planning their annual **Stingers Event** this summer. It will be held on **Wednesday, June 9th, 2021**. The tickets will be \$13.00 (the committee is covering the rest) which includes the pregame picnic with all the brats, hot dogs, burgers, chips, pop and water you would like as well as discounted beer prices; PLUS a game ticket. What a fantastic deal...semi-pro baseball game and supper for \$13! There is a sign-up sheet in the church office. You **MUST** pay when you sign up. You may give your money or sign up as well with any of the committee members: Carissa Pederson, Cindy VanDerPol, Sara Sabe or Michele Shubert. If you have any questions, please call Michele Shubert at 320-212-1230



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.

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. To learn more about this group and/or obtain log in information, please contact Lori Petersen at 320-321-8241 or 320-226-2343.



Green Lake Bible Camp registration opened on January 25, 2021. You may pick up a brochure in the office or back of the church if interested.