

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARA CITY

HAPPENINGS FOR THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL (January 24 - 31)

Today~ 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
 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. Congregational Annual Meeting/Sunday school
 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Community Meal
 7:00 p.m. A.A. meeting in conference room



SUNDAY (January 24)

NEXT SUNDAY (January 31)

Acolyte: Sawyer Janssen
PowerPoint: Sam Miller
Lay Reader: Michele Shubert
Ushers: Duane & Michele Shubert

April Jaenisch
 Peyton Schlaegel
 Ken Beyerl
 Brenda Kabisch 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 January, February, and March Noisy Offering will be going to the Green Lake Bible Camp.

Generous Reflections: It is said that what a person does with his money tells a great deal about that person. If a person hoards his money, we call him tight or cheap. If someone wastes money, we can call him a fool or a spendthrift. A Christian manages his money wisely and gives it generously. The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) illustrates how the use of money can readily tell us about a person. Before Jesus changed his heart, Zacchaeus loved and hoarded his money. As a believer, Zacchaeus surrendered his life to Jesus, enabling him to give away half of his money to the poor. How are you using your money?

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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 in memory of Arvid Luthens.

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 24, 2021

3rd 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: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (SONG LEADERS)

1. Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love; teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he to rescue me from danger interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart oh take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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)

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they

had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. 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 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (SONG LEADERS)

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”
3. “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”
4. Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me!

APSOSTLES CREED (SPOKEN BY PASTOR)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heave 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: YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE (SONG LEADERS)

1. You have come down to the lakeshore, seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you’ve called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you I will seek other seas.
2. You know full well what I have Lord, neither treasure nor weapons of conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you’ve called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you I will seek other seas.
3. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary; a love that’s willing to go on loving. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you’ve called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you I will seek other seas.
4. You who have fished other waters, you the longing of souls that are yearning; O loving Friend you have come to call me. Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes, kindly smiling you’ve called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat, now with you I will seek other seas.

DISMISSAL

God in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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Our next **Community meal** is next Sunday, January 31st 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.

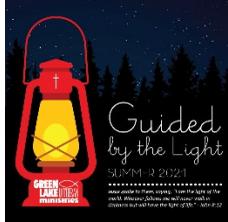


Immanuel’s Annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, January 31st, 2021 following our 9:00 a.m. service. The annual report is out, feel free to pick up a copy in back of the church.

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.