

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of you! It is a joy and a privilege to see you all once more in God's House on a Sunday morning. As we've all come to realize by now, the day-to-day happenings of our lives will not be "normal" for some time. So too, here at Immanuel, some things may feel different for a while. However, normalcy is always in constant flux: our congregation's membership changes regularly as people come and go; the flowers change; the pastor changes; the bulletins change—we live in a constant state of change. Currently, we have decided to enact some changes in how we operate at Immanuel; eventually, this too will change.

Some things remain the same. We still have the Word of God. We still have forgiveness poured out freely for us on the basis of God's Son. We still have God the Holy Spirit working through Word and Sacrament, even if we don't approach the altar to receive the sacrament. We still have the God-established fellowship of like-minded Christians, even if we cannot stand as closely as we once did.

How long will these changes continue? Who can say? It appears they will continue for quite some time. My encouragement to you is to continue to focus on those blessings which remain the same and which cannot be taken away. In Christian love for one another, let's practice safe social distancing while still building one another up with joy and encouragement!

Plans We do need to have our quarterly voters' meeting soon, although the plans for that have yet to be set. Be on the lookout for that memo.

CLC Call News Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call extended to him by Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering at a clinic. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** recently underwent hip replacement and is recovering at home. **Jo Ann Sedberry** is mostly housebound. **Rudy Enriquez** has had two surgeries removing cataracts from both eyes, and he is recovering. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain.

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Pentecost

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 143:1-2, 7-11

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ² Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you...

³ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #235:1-2

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in

And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us;
Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
That we, In Thee
Truly living, To Thee giving
Prayer unceasing,
May in love be still increasing.



2. Give to thy Word impressive power

That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing;
That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
Thy glory ever showing.
Stay Thou, Sway now
Our souls ever That they never
May forsake Thee,
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain in your seats.

- P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

After the distribution, we will continue with the hymn verse below.

✠ Thanksgiving for the Lord's Supper ✠

HYMN: WS #755:6

"What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace? I'll take my place, Among His saints, And join my tongue in word and song. Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
C Amen.

HYMN: TLH #230

"Holy Spirit, God of Love"

1. Holy Spirit, God of love, Who our night dost brighten,
Shed on us from heaven above, Now our faith enlighten.
In Thy light we gather here; Show us that Christ's promise clear
Is Amen forever.
Jesus, our ascended Lord, Oh, fulfill Thy gracious Word:
Bless us with Thy favor!

- P** For where there is forgiveness of sins,
- C** There is also life and salvation!

HYMN: WS #755:3 "What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ So who am I, That I should live and He should die, Under the rod. My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? Oh taste and see- the Lord is free.

✠ **The Power of the Lord's Supper** ✠

- P** How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?
- C** Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.
- P** These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.
- C** Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

HYMN: WS #755:4 "What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul, He makes us whole- Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is real.

✠ **The Reception of the Lord's Supper** ✠

- P** When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?
- C** Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.
- P** However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."
- C** Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

HYMN: WS #755:5 "What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe, That I receive, His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is good.

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** O almighty God, merciful Father, Your Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of my heart. You know how sinful I have been in thought, word, and deed. Because of my sins I deserve nothing but your wrath and eternal punishment. But trusting in the sacrifice of Your Son, my Savior, Jesus, I pray: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow... Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit."
(Psalm 51:7, 9, 10-12)
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!
- C** Amen!

INTROIT *Ps. 68:1ff*

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia. The righteous shall be glad.
- C** They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.
- P** God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!
- C** Sing to God, sing praises to His name; exult before Him!
- P** The Lord gives the Word; behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.
- C** Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people.

- Holy Spirit, end our sadness; Pierce the clouds of sinful night;
Come, O source of sweetness gladness,
Breathe Your life and spread Your light!
Hear, O hear our supplication, Loving Spirit, God of peace!
Rest upon this congregation, Great distributor of grace!**
- From the height which knows no measure
As a gracious show'r descend.
Bringing down the richest treasure We can wish, or God can send!
Help us flee whate'er would harm us, Both from error and from sin.
Guard us, lest the world alarm us, Holy Fountain, cleanse within.**
- Be our friend on each occasion, God, omnipotent to save!
When we die, be our salvation, When we're buried be our grave.
Seat us with Your saints in glory, When from out the grave we rise,
Then forever we'll adore You, Round Your throne above the skies.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Joel 2:28-32 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

**Order of Holy Communion**

- P** Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24). What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

HYMN: WS #755:1**"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is peace.

✠ The Institution of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** But where is this written?
- C** The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:
- P** "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'
- C** In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,
- P** 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

**HYMN: WS #755:2****"What Is This Bread?"**

- C** ♪ What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace, Brings His embrace, Of life and love, And so I sing: Oh taste and see- The Lord is King.

✠ The Blessings of the Lord's Supper ✠

- P** What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
- C** The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

1. We now implore the Holy Ghost
For the true faith, which we need the most,
That in our last moments He may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us. Lord, have mercy.
2. Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us.
Who again to our homeland hath brought us. Lord, have mercy.
3. Thou sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with every brother. Lord, have mercy!
4. Thou highest Comfort in every need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the Foe shall accuse and assail us. Lord, have mercy!

The Offering plates are located near the doors.

GENERAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Sung to tune of TLH #552

1. Father in heaven, holy be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done the same On earth as it is done in heav'n above. Our Father, bless Your children with Your love.
2. Our daily bread provide for us each day. As we forgive, so take our sins away. In time of tri-al, saving Lord, be near, From every evil our Deliverer.
3. Yours is the kingdom; over all things reign. Yours is the power; all things You maintain. Yours is the glory, sound it forth again. For-ever and for evermore. Amen!

The
LORD'S
Prayer

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Explanation to the Third Article

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN: TLH #234

"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"

- 1. Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.**
- 2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.**

**3. Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.**

**4. Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.**

**5. Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol-throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

**6. See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;
A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.**



SERMON – Ephesians 4:11-16 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

The Building Plans of a Spiritual Church

- I. Built with eyes on the truth
- II. Built with eyes on Christ
- III. Built with eyes on tomorrow

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**