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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

July 3

Isaiah 66:10–14

Psalm 66:1–7

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

Luke 10:1–20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“I will extend peace to her like a river.”

“Shout for joy to God, all the earth.”

“Bear one another’s burdens.”

The Lord appoints others to work in the harvest.

The Lord perceives every degree of subtle and overt indignation, transgression, and deception. Apart from Christ, our flesh pulsates in corruption. But Christ is incorruptible. His death on the cross forges for us a path abounding in peace, mercy, and grace. Self-centered spirits decay. But Christ-centered spirits flourish in Word and Sacrament. In these good things, God inaugurates the mission of the Church—to send out laborers into the harvest who are confident only in the righteousness of Christ.

July 10

Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18

Psalm 41

Colossians 1:1–14

Luke 10:25–37

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

“Blessed is the one who considers the poor.”

“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.”

Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Scriptures record mandates of the Lord God. He regulates heaven and earth with His statutes, which flawlessly affirm, nourish, and sustain godly interactions between men and God. Above all, we are to love the Lord God with heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. In the torrent of sin, we fail to think, act, or love justly. We are absorbed in disobedience, passion, and apathy for our neighbor. But to this domain of darkness, Jesus delivers the forgiveness of sins.

July 17

Genesis 18:1–10a (10b–14)

Psalm 27:(1–6) 7–14

Colossians 1:21–29

Luke 10:38–42

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord promises Abraham and Sarah a son.

“Teach me Your way, O Lord.”

Continue firmly in your faith.

Jesus visits Mary and Martha.

God’s Word accomplishes miraculous change. God declares that the barren womb of Sarah shall be great with child. Jesus, inseparably the Word of God, declares those once hostile and alienated to be holy and blameless. The counsels of God, once couched in mystery, now declare the glory, wisdom, and hope of Jesus. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we should be still, listen, and believe God’s life-changing Word.

July 24

Genesis 18:(17–19) 20–33

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.

Psalm 138 "On the day I called, You answered me."
Colossians 2:6–15 (16–19) "You, who were dead in your trespasses . . . God made alive together with Him."
Luke 11:1–13 The Church is taught to pray the Lord's Prayer.

Patriarchs, apostles, and ordinary people converse with God through prayer. Abraham pleads for the preservation of the righteous few, even in the midst of outrageous sin. The Lord tempers His anger, assuring Abraham of grace. The Church's liturgy is also a conversation between God and His people, shaped by confession of guilt and the outpouring of divine forgiveness! The Lord's Prayer is the axis where confession of faith, sin, and pleading for sustenance converge. As the Lord instructs, we are privileged to pray.

July 31 **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26 "There is nothing better for a person than that he should . . . find enjoyment in his toil."
Psalm 100 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."
Colossians 3:1–11 "Seek the things that are above."
Luke 12:13–21 Parable of the rich man

True wisdom proceeds from God and embraces the riches of knowing and confessing Christ. Our minds need not be fixated on earthly wealth or possessions; our behaviors should oppose earthly immorality, selfishness, and desire. Constant fixation on our labors, accomplishments, and assets is no more than vanity, leading to despair. Our image, knowledge, and actions ought to be shaped by Christ Jesus, for He alone is everything for those who believe in His name.

Ministry Notes

ZOOM Summer Class

During the months of July, and August Pastor Minetree will be offering a class via the ZOOM meeting app. The class will meet Tuesday Evenings from 7pm to 8pm. The various "hot button" topics are listed below. These classes are only open to members of Immanuel. To sign-up, please email Teresa in the Church office admin@immanuelutheran.org.
 The classes are:

July 5th: Christians and issues of gender identity and sexual orientation.

July 19th: Why aren't Lutherans also protestants?

August 16th and 30th will be requests by the class.

Missionary Musings

Last Month, a new movie came out *Father Stu*. Director and actor Mark Wahlberg met a man who was a friend of this priest, and was so inspired he spent his own money and time to make a movie for the theatre about him. Father Stu was a former-boxer who turned his life around, and turned out being a priest, before a rare muscle disease took its toll, but perhaps amplified his testimony.

He was a lost soul left by the "flesh" Paul describes in Galatians, and became worthy of the heavenly reward. Has was barely ordained and became worthy of a cinema feature.

These stories are a reminder of what God is doing all over. If you heard my last sermon, you heard me mention a young woman named Krystian (pronounced "Christian"). She has a complicated situation in life but shows so much promise in turning it around. She has a child in utero, but a deceased father. She has youth, but inexperience. She has a lack of positive influence, but a diligence to move forward. Best of all, she has a group of Jesus followers newly in her corner. Please pray or Krystian.

Lucas Witt

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, November 5th. Shrimp Feast/Bull Roast to benefit Immanuel Lutheran 'Til All Have Heard Mission. 1-5 p.m., Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. Music provided by the *Reputations*. Tickets \$45/person. More details will follow

CALLING ALL YOUTH – 5TH GRADE AND UP. Acolytes and crucifers needed Sundays, 9:45 a.m. Will train. Your opportunity to share your shining faces and your spirit to

your Immanuel family. See Emalee Smith or Pastors for more information.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AND LIFE OF SAINT PAUL. For Kids ages 3-13. Sundays (excused after the Gospel). Crafts, songs, snacks, Spirit! Come on Back – COVID is done! See you all Sundays about 10:20 a.m. See Emalee for details.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or Denisewaicker@mac.com. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (make payable to *Denise Waicker*) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our *'Til All Have Heard* Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord

- The end of war, and peace for Ukraine
- Ray Ward who will have knee replacement surgery on August 5
- William Staton, nephew of Lola Barnes, for recovery from heart transplant surgery
- Ray Will who will have knee replacement surgery
- Tom Manager, who had a fall at home and fractured a rib
- Tom Manager's son-in-law, Kevin Johnston, who had triple bypass surgery, and is now home and recovering well
- Carl Harvey recovering from a stroke at home
- Dominick Santise in New York, brother-in-law of Carolyn Henn, for peace and comfort as he is being treated for interstitial lung disease in addition to lung cancer
- Jean Heeman who is in Pickersgill
- Patty Harper and family who are going through a time of tribulation
- Bill Hermann, who is battling Parkinson's
- Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

- 2 Carolyn Henn
- 3 Keira Huhra
- 6 Lucas Witt

- 7 Jordan Gordon
- 10 Jacob Pfitzinger
- 12 Olivia Elbers
- 15 Gabriel Tenabe
- 16 Amy Bishop
- 19 Lilac Witt
- 20 Charlie Clark
- 23 Delores Harvey
- 25 Ray Spitznas
- 27 Gerhard Ehlerding
Jean Heemann
- 28 Amanda Thomas

Anniversaries:

- 1 Ted and Carolyn Henn
Jerry and Mary Ruble
- 11 Jefferson and Christine Will

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
July 3	Elaine Schwab/ Phyllis Rebstock	Rick Kruelle	Mark Smith	
July 10		Mary Ruble	Lucas Witt	
July 17	Fay Husted/ Sharon Minetree	Mark Smith	Rick McDonnell	
July 24		Gerhard Ehlerding	Lucas Witt	
July 31		Roland Obedekah	No communion	

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Christ Congregation-Eritrean 3 pm New Refuge Deliverance	4	5 7 pm ZOOM Bible Class	6	7	8	9 10 am Compassion Center
10 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Christ Congregation-Eritrean 3 pm New Refuge Deliverance	11	12 6:30 pm LRIA Board Mtg	13	14	15	16
17 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Christ Congregation-Eritrean 3 pm New Refuge Deliverance	18	19 6 pm Finance Comm 7 pm ZOOM Bible Class	20 7 pm Church Council	21	22	23 10 am Compassion Center
24 Baptism 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Christ Congregation-Eritrean 3 pm New Refuge Deliverance	25	26 7 pm LRIA Gen'l Mtg	27	28	29	30 8 am-noon Flea market/fundraiser New Genesis Total Praise Center (parking lot)
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