

THE IMMANUEL HERALD

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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/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNpIUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL AT 10:00 a.m.

September 6

Ezekiel 33:7–9

Psalms 32:1–7

Romans 13:1–10

Matthew 18:1–20

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Warn the wicked.”

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven.”

“There is no authority except from God.”

“If your brother sins against you . . .”

God’s laws are just. His prophets and pastors exercise authority in condemning sin, wickedness, and evil. Iniquities cannot be ignored; all are subject to God’s authority. We are also subject to earthly governments and authorities who strive to restrain unruly behavior. As citizens in both kingdoms, our conduct should reflect humility, love, duty, and honesty. As members of the church, it is just that we are called to care for and regain unrepentant sinners.

September 13

Genesis 50:15–21

Psalms 103:1–12

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joseph is reconciled to his brothers.

“The lord is merciful and gracious.”

We belong to the Lord.

Parable of the unforgiving servant

In adversity and blessing, we belong to the Lord. Joseph became an emissary of God’s mercy despite his brothers’ evil intent. As we navigate and process quarrels, judgments, and opinions, human adversity distorts our life with Christ. We belong to Him as we strive to live. We belong to Him as we prepare to die. Christ resolves adversity from His heart, resolving disputes with wisdom, love, and forgiveness. This, too, is our blessing to receive and to share.

September 20

Isaiah 55:6–9

Psalms 27:1–9

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Seek the lord.”

“The lord is my light and my salvation.”

“To live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Parable of the vineyard laborers

Christ’s compassion and pardon embrace, console, and encourage believers. Sinners will abandon wickedness, confess transgressions, and receive the Lord’s forgiveness. Prisoners of the faith will remain steadfast in conflict, endure hard ship, and yet be confident in the Gospel of Christ. God’s kingdom is revealed to us by a continuum of generous, undeserved grace for all those who seek Christ, call upon His name, and believe in Him.

September 27

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Psalms 25:1–10

Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13)

14–18

Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“When a wicked person turns . . . he shall save his life.”

“Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love.”

“Look . . . to the interests of others.”

Jesus and the elders; parable of the man with two sons

The way of Christ stands firm against all transgressions. God’s chosen, sinful people frequently gripe, complain, and hurl insults against God, daring to challenge His authority. But God heartily desires that His people would be transformed with a new heart and a new spirit. His way is one of comfort, love, affection, sympathy, and joy. God’s people receive all of this incredible goodness when they turn from transgressions, confess guilt, acknowledge His authority, and receive His grace.

Ministry Notes

Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

This is the Theme I have chosen for our 2026-2027 program year. Our educational and stewardship emphasis will use the above verse as our guide.

Bible Study Menu for Fall 2026. Come and feast on the Word of the Lord! **Matthew 4:4 But Jesus answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**

Served during Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: Children of God Living in a Post Christian Culture. This meal begins on September 13th. For older Christian adults, we sometimes feel we don’t recognize our society anymore. We feel we don’t fit into the culture in our nation. For younger disciples, there seems to be a large disconnect between what we believe and everything else around them. Using Prayerful Living in a Post Christian Culture by

Leonard R. Payton as our base, we will consider the three great systemic evils: idolatry, sexual perversion, and greed, to plot our course in our modern culture. This feast is served Sundays after the Divine Service in the Jean Heemann Conference Room.

Served every Second and Fourth Wednesday at noon is our lunch feast on The Word. This meal begins on September 9th. Jesus was asked by His disciples to teach them to pray. We will feast on the Word as we take up God’s invitation to pray to Him without ceasing. Examining examples of prayer in the Old and New Testaments we will cover genuine and heartfelt prayer of saints who have gone before us. Using Ten Treasures of Learning to Pray by Andrew Jones as our base, we will unlock the rich feast of

God’s Word served to us in Scripture. This meal is served in the Jean Heemann Conference Room. Finally, our evening meal is served every first and third Thursday nights at 7:00pm over ZOOM. This meal begins on September 17th. We will follow the golden thread through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation that leads us to “the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end.” This golden thread is none other than The Word Made Flesh, Jesus our Savior. Pulling from a variety of sources we will make the journey to the banquet together. This meal is served wherever you wish to dine over your computer.

During the Divine Service and all of these Bible Studies, you soul will be fed and filled by your Lord through His divine Word. **Psalm 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Also beginning in September with details yet to be finalized: Bread of Life for the grieving soul. This meal is for those who are mourning the loss of a spouse, child, sibling, parent, other relative or friend. This is a support group in which we will support each other with the comfort that comes from God’s Word and through the Body of Christ.

Liturgists:

September 6, Steve Heemann

September 13, Gary Stratemeyer

September 20, Mark Smith

September 27, Rick Kruelle

Lay Readers:

September 6, Stacey Brown

September 13, Sandy Collins
September 20, Mark Smith
September 27, Gerhard Ehlerding

SAVE THE DATES for events at Immanuel:

Saturday, September 19th, 12 pm to 4 pm,
Lovin' Loch Raven
Saturday, September 26th, 9 am to 1 pm,
Flea market
Saturday, October 24th, 4 pm, Dan Meyer
Choir
Saturday, October 31st, 6 pm, Trunk or
Treat
Saturday, November 7th, 1 to 5 pm, Bull
and Shrimp Roast, Rosedale Gardens
Saturday, November 14th, Time TBA, LRIA
Bingo
Saturday, December 12th, 3 pm, Baltimore
Choral Arts Society concert

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:

-Claire Ruble who had surgery Friday, August 28th for injuries to her leg she sustained in a fall
-Ray Ward, who had a fall and is recovering at home
-Joan Goeller, who had a fall
-Joe Simsky who is suffering from cancer
-John Stratemeyer who is recovering from a broken back
-Jerry Ruble who is recovering from eye surgery
-Anthony Summers grandmother, Irma, who had a stroke, and Anthony's mother, Millie, who is caring for her.
-Gary Stratemeyer, who is recovering from heart surgery
-Lee Gordon, nephew-in-law of Carolyn Henn, who has been diagnosed with cancer
-Evelyn Dequoy, who had successful surgery last week

-Naomi Kruelle, sister-in-law of Rick, who is having chronic health problems
-Sarah Lietzau, who is undergoing medical tests
-Pamela Hasskamp, who has been diagnosed with cancer
-Muriel Hopkins, who fractured her arm
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, who has had a diagnosis of MS.
-For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia, Iran, and the Middle East.
-Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
-Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Birthdays:

1	Sarah Lietzau
2	Elizabeth Flaherty Jeannine Nash
7	Emmaus Witt (2020)
8	Ryan Heemann
11	Najet Huhra
18	Nazareth Witt (2014)
19	Jeffrey Goeller Albert Lietzau, IV
25	Facia BellePu
26	Stacey Dietrich Elizabeth Nobbs
27	Ava Beatty
28	Manix Paye, Jr.

Anniversaries:

11	Gabriel and Mona Tenabe
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September/October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study Noon Calvary Christian	7	8	9 Noon Bible study/lunch 6:30 pm LRIA BoD	10	11	12 3 pm Eritrean event
13 <i>Remembering 9/11</i> 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study Noon Calvary Christian	14	15 6 pm Finance 7 pm LRIA Gen'l	16 6 pm Council	17 7 pm Zoom Bible study	18	19 12 pm Lovin' Loch Raven
20 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study 11 am Eritrean Communion (FH) Noon Calvary Christian	21	22	23 Noon Bible study/lunch	24	25	26 9 am Flea Market 11 am AA annual event
27 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 11 am Adult Bible study Noon Calvary Christian	28	29	30	1 7 pm Zoom Bible study	2	3 9 am Flea market (rain date)
4 <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> 10 am Worship & Holy Communion Noon Calvary Christian	5	6	7	8	9	10

Monday thru Friday, 6:30 am to 9:00 am and 3 pm to 6 pm Kierrakares Before and After School program in the Fellowship Hall

The Baltimore Bulletin Insert

September 2026

*Events of area LCMS churches, entities, and Recognized Service Organizations
Deadline for September edition: September 20th*

HOMEcoming WORSHIP

Emmanuel, Catonsville

September 13, 10a. Followed by a community picnic at noon.

LUTHERAN BOOKS AND BEERS

St. Paul, Catonsville

September 24, 7p., Rathskeller in Elkridger (5782 Main St. Book: "Has American Christianity Failed?" by Bryan Wolfmueller, available on Amazon. Read the first chapter and join us.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HAPPENINGS

Sun., Sept. 13 911 Remembrance service 10:00a

Sun., Sept. 19 Lovin Loch Raven Community Event 12:00-4:00p

Sun., Sept. 26 Flea Market 9:00a – 1:00p (rain date Oct. 3)

COMPASSION PLACE (LMS) SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Business Meeting, Sat., Sept. 26 If your congregation has been (or would like to be) involved in the ministry of Compassion Place.

Annual Dinner (Bull and Oyster Roast), Sun., Nov. 8.

More info.: www.compassionplace.org.

WEST ANNAPOLIS OKTOBERFEST

St. Paul, Annapolis

Sunday, September 27, 11am to 4pm, St. Paul is sponsoring a booth at the West Annapolis Business Assn.'s annual Oktoberfest (Annapolis Street). Enjoy authentic German food and music, food trucks, crafts and vendors. St. Paul booth will feature a prize wheel and giveaways. Great community event - families welcome - free entry!

This insert only happens because your church submits items.

A service of The Wyneken Project, appreciating the fellowship we share.

*Submit your event to Secretary@MartiniLutheran.org For locations of churches
see LCMS.org > Locators & Directories*