



## Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Welcome to Worship!**  
**We are a “Church Together”**

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ. You might do this by:

- Using this bulletin as a devotional.
- Watch and follow the worship video on our website at [www.immanlutheran.org](http://www.immanlutheran.org).

**Offerings may be mailed to the office:**

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1865 14th Avenue  
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**Contact the Office and Pastor:**

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

# Sunday, November 15, 2020

## 24th Sunday after Pentecost

### PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**    *Blessing of Quilts*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**  
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth  
were born, from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**<sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

**<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’

27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

**Hymn of the Day:            When Peace like a River**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord if all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Meal**

### **Offering**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

*After all have communed:*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

*Prayer after Communion:*

Let us pray:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you  
have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may  
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in  
the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

**Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.**

**Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.**

Blessing

### Sending Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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#### Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman  
Pianist: Marcia Hutton

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Pastor Daren Erisman**

**Office: 352-3003, Cell: 760-814-5171, email: [reverisman@gmail.com](mailto:reverisman@gmail.com)**

*In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.*

**INSERT FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

Tuesday, November 17	9:00 am	Men's Coffee at Epic Egg, 3830 W 10 <sup>th</sup> St <i>(check with Juan)</i>
Wednesday, November 18	9 am-3 pm	Tuning of Piano
Thursday, November 19	9-1:00 pm	Sewing & Lunch

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Starting October 25, worship will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Access information will be emailed to you or you will find it on the church website. Please be patient. We are working on in person worship, live streaming services, FM access in the parking lot and other worship opportunities for you.

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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Celebrating birthdays this week are:

November 16 -LaVina Schmahl

November 17 - Aidan Herold

November 18 - Ann Richardson

November 21 – Cindy Thompson



Immanuel's ASAP team has been and STILL IS keeping you in prayer.  
If you have concerns or praises for the team,  
contact Pastor in the church office or any member of the prayer team.  
Roma Arithson, Dianna Fuller, Diane Felipe, Shirley Marine, Don  
Peterson, Janet Willis

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### Feeding Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Immanuel would like to provide dinner once a month for the students of Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry (LECM). The meal needs to feed approximately 10 people and must be delivered to the LECM house before 6pm.

Our Date This Month:

Sunday, November 15, 2020

If you would like to provide the meal this month or another month in the future, please contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or email her at [herold\\_amy@hotmail.com](mailto:herold_amy@hotmail.com). Thank you!



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### Immanuel's Youth are selling Wall Calendars & Magnetic Notepads!



**2021 Wall Calendars: \$10**

**Magnetic Notepads: \$5**



This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are asking that you kindly place your order with Amy at 970.978.0870 or by email at [herold\\_amy@hotmail.com](mailto:herold_amy@hotmail.com) before **Sunday, November 29, 2020**.

All orders can be paid for and picked up at Immanuel on **Sunday, December 6 from 10am-12pm**.

Or, if you are unable to pick up your order, contactless porch delivery will be available for an additional \$3.00 fee!

These make great gifts and stocking stuffers for all your friends and family!

Supplies are limited so be sure to place your order ASAP.

**This is will be the only fundraiser Immanuel's Youth will do in 2020.  
Your support is truly appreciated! Thank you!**

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It's time for for the Christmas Season!  
Due to COVID, the suppliers have an abundant supply of poinsettias this season

so please consider purchasing poinsettias for church, your home,  
or as a special gift for a friend or relative.

Price -- \$12.00

Order deadline - Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Pick up - Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the church

To order: please contact Cheryl Clausen at 970-978-0726 or  
[cclausen80@yahoo.com](mailto:cclausen80@yahoo.com)

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**Your Immanuel Council is aware of the rising COVID numbers  
and will be monitoring the situation.**

Council is ready to comply with any health mandates that may be issued.  
In the meantime, plans are progressing for new worship procedures starting  
November 29, 2020.

You will have the option to worship in person, in the parking lot or on-line.  
Inside, social distancing is designed to exceed the 6 feet distancing recommendation,  
masks must be worn at all times, and congregational responses and singing  
will be strongly discouraged.

In the parking lot, you will tune in to an FM station to hear and participate in worship.  
Communion will be provided for those worshipping in the parking lot. And, on-line,  
the worship service will be live-streamed. You will be able to worship at home  
at the same time with those worshipping inside the church and in the parking lot.

Thank you for responsibly choosing the worship option each week that will work  
best for you and your Immanuel family members during this health crisis.

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## Pledge Sunday 2020

Remembering you are a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Family; we recognize this year has been difficult in many ways for many people. These difficulties are not to be ignored, as we look at Pledge Sunday 2020.

A pledge is an estimate of how much money you plan to give to the church over the next year. It is not a binding contract as circumstances can change – and pledges may be revised depending on your situation.

Your pledge makes it possible for Immanuel to create a budget for staffing, ministries, programs and outreach for the coming year. Pledging is the primary basis for what we can accomplish as a church. It provides a way for you to grow in your faith by sharing the resources God has blessed you with.

Just as everyone has a different financial situation, the amount of your pledge is also an individual decision. Pledges of any amount are welcome.

On the pledge form, indicate the amount of your pledge on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis-whichever way will work the best for you. Please also remember there are many other ways you can pledge to help Immanuel continue to grow and be successful! Most of all, thank you!

If you have any questions about pledging, please don't hesitate to ask.

*\*\*Includes information from The First Congregational Church of Hanover, MA.  
"What is a Pledge?"\*\**

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If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)