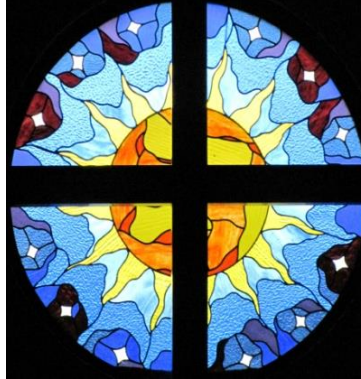


# *Immanuel Lutheran Church*

## *4 p.m. Worship on the East Lawn*

Sundays September 13 and 27, 2020



*Welcome to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Immanuel Lutheran Church is an inclusive congregation extending God's love and grace to all people. There is a welcome place for you here! Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who cannot be with us this evening.*

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

To keep everyone safe, especially the most vulnerable among us, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Masks are required for all adults. They are available if you need one, please ask one of the ushers.
- Ushers will take you to your worship location, stay where you are and do not move around. This is important for children too.
- Practice strict social distancing. Do not get closer than 6 feet to anyone outside your family. If you plan to sing aloud, try to keep 10-15 feet apart from everyone.
- Tithes and offerings of thanksgiving will be received as you enter or exit worship ~ look for one of the four offering plate stations on the lawn.
- Sharing of Christ's Peace will be shared by bowing to one another from your location.
- The building is closed except for the bathrooms.
- Out of love, respect others' space, boundaries, and feelings.

*God's Grace and Peace to YOU  
through our Lord and Savior  
Jesus the Christ!*

\*All those who are able please stand

**PRELUDE** ~ Prerecorded by Margie Runaas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## *GATHERING*

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*



**WELCOME** *The people of God welcome one another with enthusiastic waves and words of greetings from their lawn chairs or blankets.*

**\*INVOCATION**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



P: Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

**C: Amen.**

P: We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

**C: Amen.**

P: We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

**C: Amen.**

P: We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**C: Amen.**

P: We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

**C: Amen.**

P: We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. ... Amen.

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.*



**\*GOSPEL**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: September 13, 2020 Matthew 18:21-35  
*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: September 27, 2020 Matthew 21:23-32  
*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the \_\_\_\_ chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

### Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.



P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*God's people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace through the movement of bowing to each other from one's chair or blanket.*

## **OFFERING**

*During this time of social distancing, we continue to give God our thanks and praise through our tithes and offerings of thanksgiving for the mission of the church including the care of those in need. Your tithes and offerings of thanksgiving may be placed in one of the four offering plates located throughout the lawn on your way to the parking lot at the conclusion of worship.*

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, ...through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word ... For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, ... For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

P: O God of justice and love, ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**



**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*



## \*BENEDICTION

P: Christ has no body  
But yours,...

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

## \*DISMISSAL

P: You have heard love.

**C: We have heard Christ's love!**

P: You are filled with Christ's love!

**C: We will share Christ's love with our neighbors! Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** ~ Prerecorded by Margie Runaas

Refreshments will be served on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Immanuel's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Washington, Iowa  
September 13, 2020*

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

**C: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!**

P: God has blessed us and called us to be Christ's Church.

**C: God has blessed us and called us to be Immanuel Lutheran Church.**

P: For 60 years, God's name dwelled in our midst; Immanuel.

**C: God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.**

P: For 60 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

**C: For 60 years, God has shown us God's grace.**

P: For 60 years, God has come to us in Word and Sacrament.

**C: For 60 years, God has empowered us with God's Holy Spirit.**

P: For 60 years, God has sent us to be God's witnesses in the world.

**C: For 60 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.**

P: Praise the Lord for 60 years! Praise God as we enter the future with hope!

**C: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!**

P: In God's goodness, ... Church of Jesus Christ in Washington, Iowa.

**C: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done through your people at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called upon your name, you made your presence known to us. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst. When we prayed, you heard us. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. And you have sent your Holy Spirit to comfort us, teach us, and guide us in your wisdom.**



P: Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.

**C: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

P: Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

**C: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

P: Show us how to give care and support to the needy, and mercy to the lost.

**C: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

P: Show us new ways of loving one another and those far and wide.

**C: We dedicate our lives to your service.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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