

Fourteenth Sunday
after
Pentecost



*Worship
in the Park*

September 11, 2022

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church
The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor
Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

Please pick up your Fellowship cup for Holy Communion.

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^Mission Statement:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. (Kneeling as able.)

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

^OPENING HYMN

“Lean On Me”

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.

^WE WORSHIP YOU (*Call & Response*)

We Worship You
Almighty God
In You Alone
Is Our Delight
We Worship You
Oh Holy God
And Lift Our Voice
To Sing Your Praise
Alleluia
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P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,**

and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right¹ in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom¹ deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th Chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes

home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Scott Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: “Hear our prayer.”

^PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God’s goodness, through your personal giving. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN

Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Songwriters: Jill Jackson / Sy Miller

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

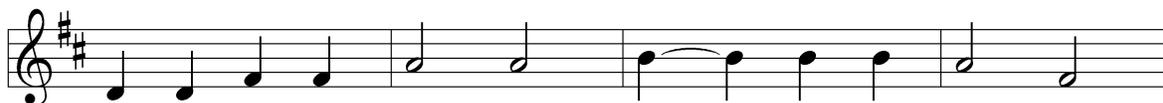
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

^LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

C: Amen

Jesus Loves Me!

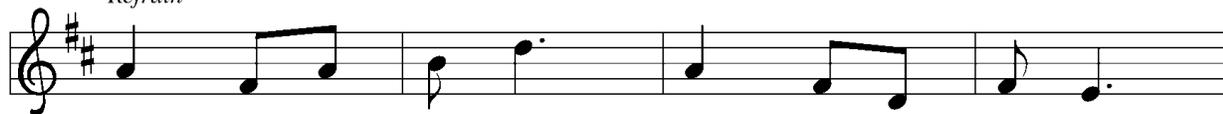


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

^HYMN

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.

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.



As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY	Resource Mtg.	5:30 PM
	Bible Study (<i>Zoom</i>)	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Half Century Luncheon	12:00 PM
SATURDAY	Norwood Community Day	

August Income - \$7,379

August Expenses - \$9,766

Supporting IMMANUEL's Mission with Our Generosity.

We have 3 easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



Half Century Luncheon is on!! Thursday September 15th. Your hosts will be Sylvia Hunsberger and Robin Woodrow. Come out and enjoy some delicious food and fellowship!

Immanuel's Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign - Do you remember from your childhood, or raising children or spending time with Grandchildren the stories of Aesop's Fable? There was one about the "Ant and the Grasshopper" which applies to Immanuel! The Ants worked to store up for the winter while the Grasshopper just played. When winter came the Grasshopper did not have food to eat. Would the Grasshopper survive? **The moral of the story:**



PREPARE TODAY FOR THE NEEDS THAT YOU WILL HAVE TOMORROW.

Inflation is hitting us all. One BIG hit for Immanuel is the drastic increase in the cost of heating oil. Our budget has gone from 11 months of the year at approximately \$1300 per month to the new budget of over \$1700 per month. **We must do something now to meet this challenging cost increase.**

Please see the BRIGHT GREEN display in the Hospitality area highlighting our "Oil Campaign". There are envelopes there marked "OIL" which you can take and jot your envelope number on. We need you to prayerfully consider what ***extra*** can you give to help us with this? If you give virtually, you can also use the QR code in the bulletin and newsletter to give using the "General Fund" option. Please help your church with this. We do not want to be "the grasshopper"!

Thank you from your Resource Committee and your Church Council

Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **ACME** **Our church receives 5% of the value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

Our Adult Bible Study and Sunday Church School will begin their fall program on Sunday, **September 18th at 10:00 AM.**

Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study to Resume on Tuesday, September 13! After a summer break we are going to resume our virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home and gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. We are using another "Life Guide" bible study and will explore the 12 Disciples. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we "connect". Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. Please join us if you can!!! Details:

WHAT: Weekly Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesday nights starting **September 13th, 2022 from 7 to 8 pm**

WHERE: Zoom Meeting (Instructions on Immanuel website and on separate printout available at the church.)

Ukrainian Relief Supplies. No money required. Check your closet. Let's help the folks in the Ukraine by providing warm clothing for the upcoming winter!



Ilya Zayarachenko, born in the Ukraine and now living in Delco, has partnered with Hope Community Church in Ridley Park. (That's where our "new" grand piano came from.) Ilya will travel back to Ukraine in October to help build houses and to deliver the clothing we donate.

Please check your closets for any of the following to donate to men, women and children:

Coats, Sweatshirts, Jackets, Thermal Underwear, Flannel Shirts, Sweaters, Sweat Pants, Socks, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Shoes And Boots In All Sizes.

Bring your donations to church and place them in the carton marked "UKRAINE" in the Hospitality Area next to the TV. Questions? Or donations too large to bring into church: See or call Kathleen Schneider 484-239-9393



Shop online with Amazon. Enter through Amazon Smile and select Immanuel Lutheran Church Norwood as your charity and half of 1% will go to Immanuel. Thanks for supporting Immanuel.

Do you know someone who plays or sings? Take a moment to think about your friends, neighbors and relatives. Do any of them play an instrument or love to sing? Let's make the music at Immanuel Lutheran so wonderful that it draws people here for worship.



Please talk to Kathleen if you are interested in adding your voice or instrument to the choir, the praise group or the traditional service. Give her phone number to the neighbor, friend or relative who just might enhance our sound. Thank you! Kathleen Schneider 484-239-9393

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