

Seventeenth Sunday *after* Pentecost



September 19, 2021

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 communion card and Fellowship cup on the way into the Sanctuary 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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

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

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

^OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.

^KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

^HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,

wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 54 (*Read responsively*)

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score for the Gospel Acclamation consists of two systems, each with a vocal staff (treble and bass clef) and lyrics. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill

him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

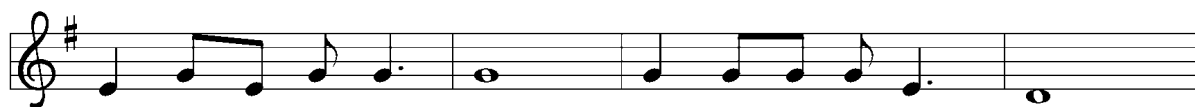
Pastor Scott Lee

^HYMN

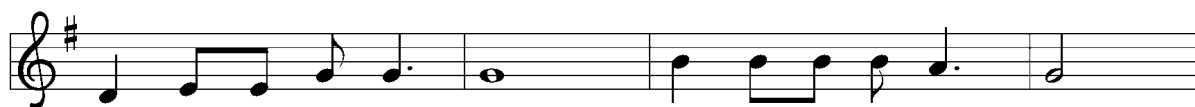
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Kneeling as able.*)

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 the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

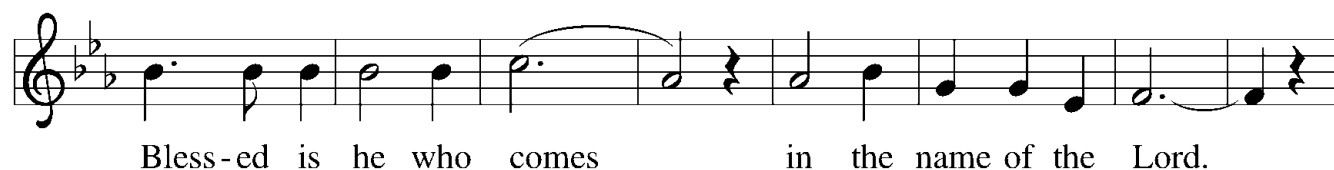
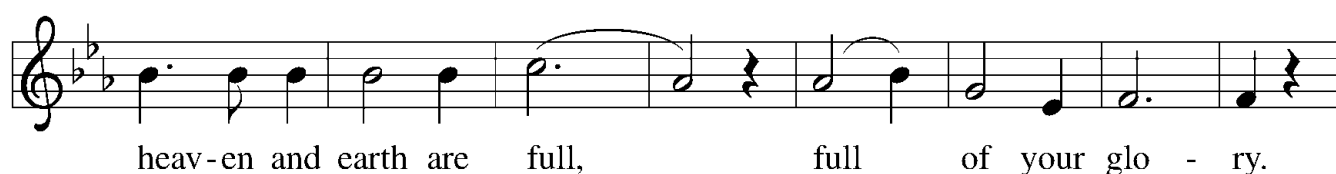
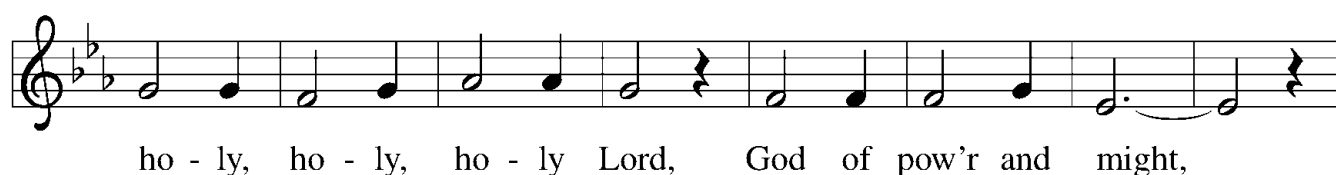
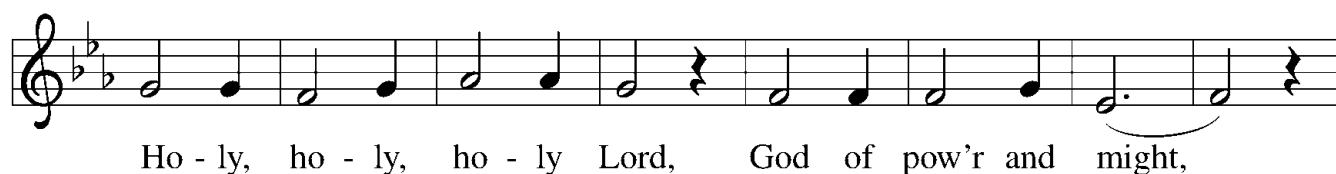
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

C: Amen

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please pick up your communion card "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary. The pastor says "The Body of Christ given for you." and the assistant minister says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." (Hint: you may want to rest your "Fellowship Cup" on the pew to steady it). Open the top protective film to uncover the "body" (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then open the 2nd protective film to uncover the "blood" (100% grape juice) and drink. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided when leaving the sanctuary. Sign the communion card and place it in the offering plate.*

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

C: Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has

done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

^HYMN

Shine Jesus Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

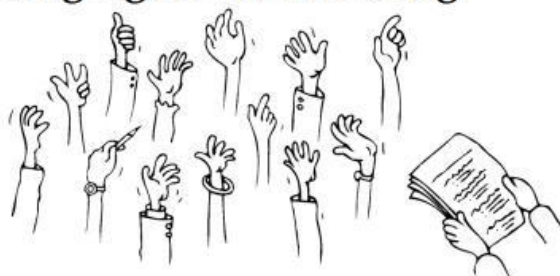
Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED SEPT 20TH-24TH

SUNDAY	Education Hour	10:00 AM
	Council Mtg.	12:00 PM
MONDAY	Bereavement Group	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 PM

A Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on Our PPP Loan

On **September 26th** Immanuel will hold a brief Special Congregational meeting **immediately following the 11:00 AM service**. This is required by our Constitution to vote to approve entering into a loan in excess of \$10,000.00. We have to repay the balance of \$13,136.00 plus accumulated interest. This was the amount we received from PNC which was not forgiven. There will also a “ZOOM” option for those who must attend virtually (you’ll find information for that on our website). Please plan to attend. **Thank you for your support of Immanuel! Your Resource Committee and Church Council**

Special Congregational Meeting



It is required that everyone (**vaccinated and non-vaccinated**) to wear a mask when entering the building for Sunday service. This includes the time while gathered in the Hospitality Area for fellowship prior to service and while seated in the sanctuary for church service.”



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American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive has been scheduled for Monday, **October 11, 2021** from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. All volunteers will be provided by the Red Cross. Please register online at: redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at 1-800-RED-CROS. A signup sheet will also be posted at the church. There is always a desperate need for blood, so sign up early to get the best time for you! ~ Contact Colleen Kelly with any questions.



ACME **Acme and ShopRite Gift Cards!** They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the value of the coupons that you use. Help us help our church!** Contact Alex Narcavage for details.

The **“Borough of Norwood Community Day”** is planned to be held on Sat. **October 16th** in Norwood Lower Park. It will be a borough celebration devoted to live entertainment, fun, food, activities for the kids and celebrating Civic pride.

Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study to Resume in September!

After a summer break we are going to resume our virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home during the current Delta variant spike of the pandemic but also gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. We are using another "Life Guide" bible study (as of this writing we are still deciding which one). 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: Thursday nights starting **September 23rd, 2021 from 7 to 8 pm**

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

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