

Sixteenth Sunday  
*after*  
Pentecost



September 20, 2020

**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  
**SERVICE OF THE SPOKEN WORD**

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.**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

# ^OPENING HYMN (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

## Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



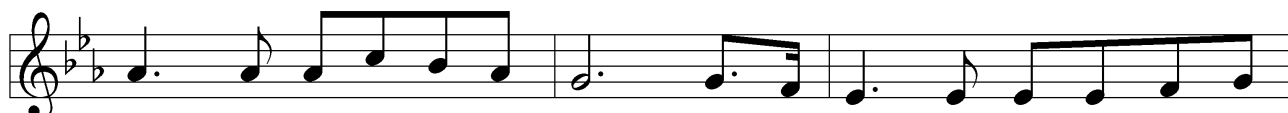
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you  
 serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to  
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I  
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and  
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



treasure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

**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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



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



lu - ia. 1 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.

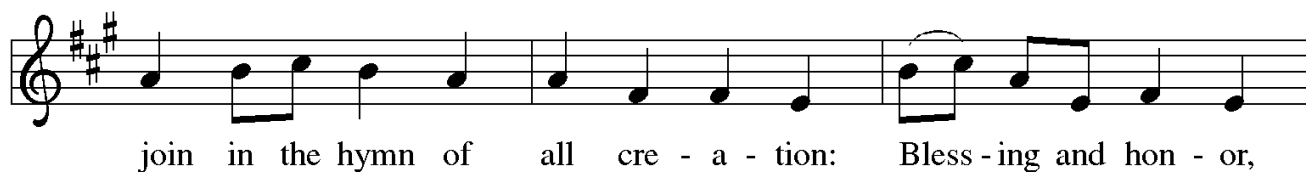
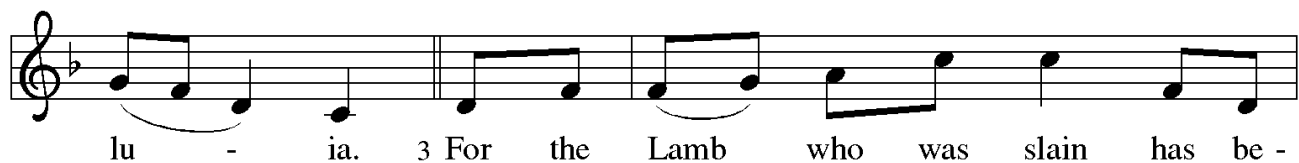
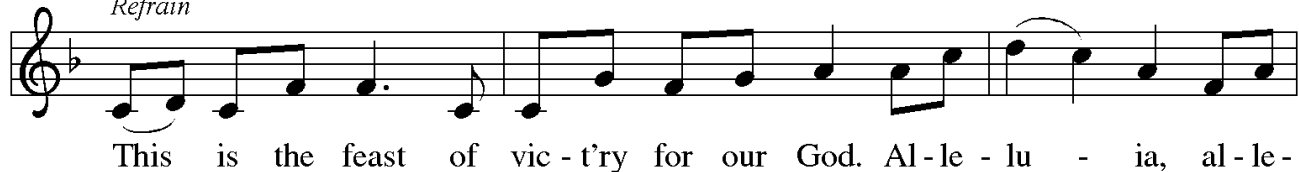
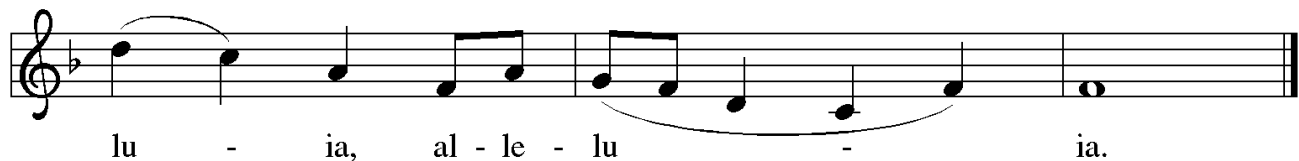
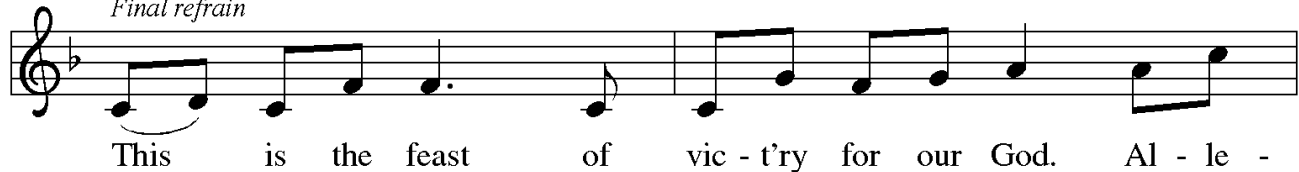
*Refrain*



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

*Refrain**Final refrain*

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P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

## ^PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the

sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

PSALM 145:1-8 (*Read responsively*)

*The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 1:21-30

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Spoken*)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**



*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## ^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

**Response: "Hear our prayer."**

## ^PEACE

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

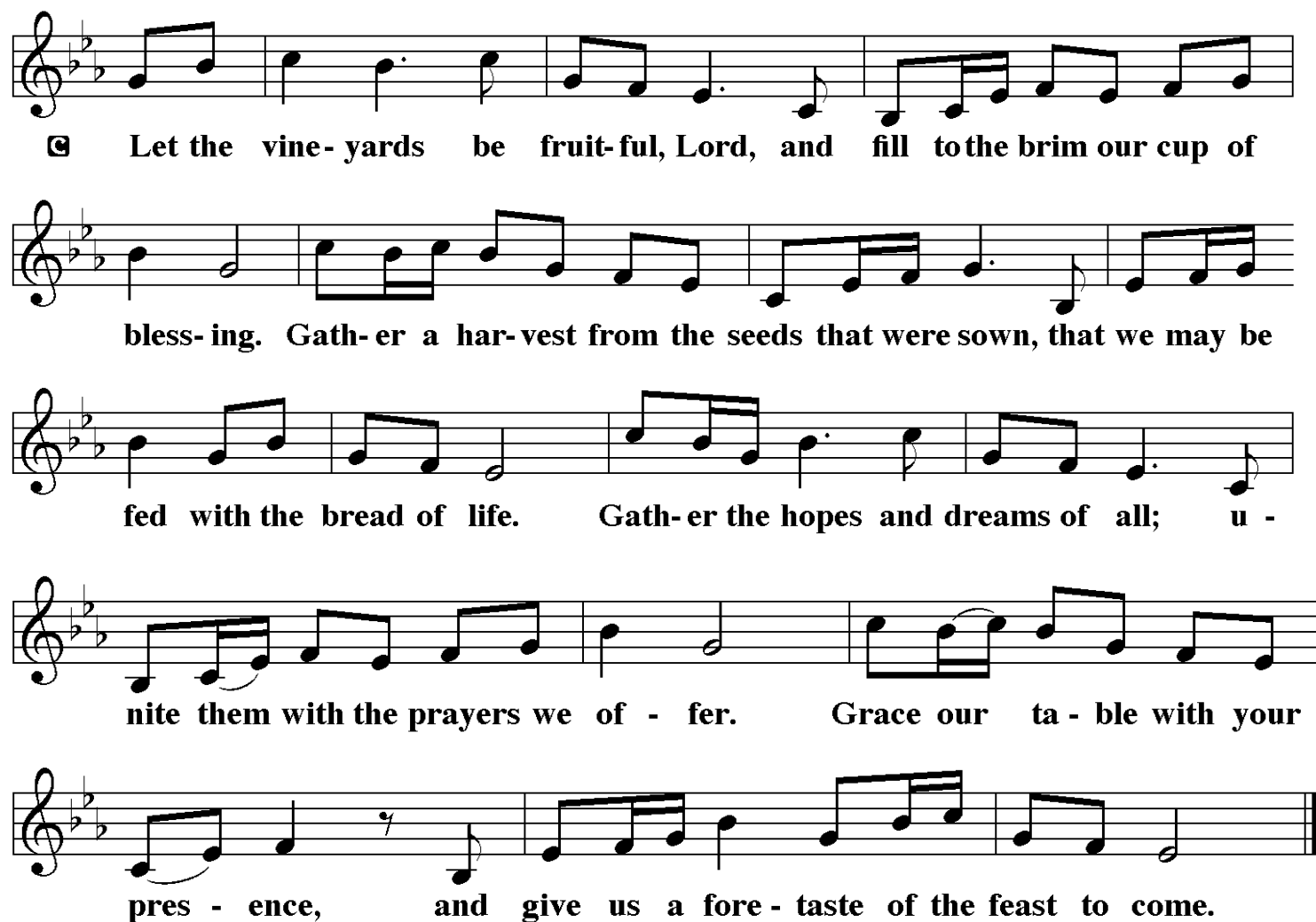
**C:** And also with you.

**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 (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)



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 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.

## INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN ED

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, 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:

*(Spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might.  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us pray using the words as our Lord taught us:

^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:** Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

**C:** Amen

*(Solo Kathleen Schneider)*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. Please come forward and pick up your “Fellowship Cup”, an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) from the center table. The pastor says “The Body of Christ given for you.” and the assistant minister says, “The Blood of Christ shed for you.” **You may then move to the table on either side of the front aisle while maintaining social distancing.** (Hint: you may want to rest your “Fellowship Cup” on the side table to steady it). Remove your mask, open the top protective film to uncover the “body” (an unleavened wafer), place in your mouth then*

*open the 2<sup>nd</sup> protective film to uncover the “blood” (100% grape juice) and drink. Please dispose of your cup in the receptacle provided, replace your mask and return to your seat.*

## ^MUSIC VOLUNTARY

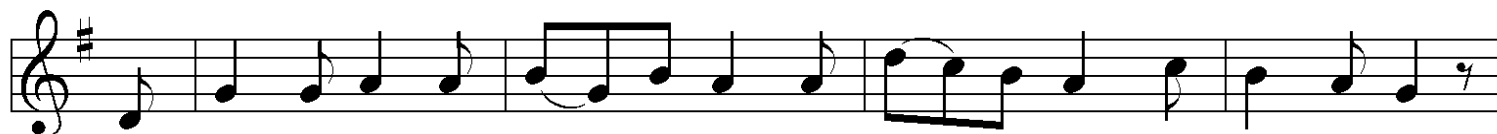
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen

*(Solo Kathleen Schneider)*



**☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Mothering God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

^HYMN (*Solo Kathleen Schneider*)

## On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## ^DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**(NA Bldg Use – Sat/Sun/Wed. – 7 PM)**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Council Meeting	12:30 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	Bereavement Group	6:30 PM

**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



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.

**Acme/Giant 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!** See Alex Narcavage for details.





**American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive** has been scheduled for **Monday, October 12, 2020** from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be



held in the Social Room. It's not too early to mark your calendar and get your appointment. Please register online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at **1-800-733-2767**. If you need help please see Colleen

Kelly. It takes about an hour from beginning to end and it is so important. Sign yourself up and encouraged friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to do the same.

**PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND FLUTES!  
PRAISE HIM WITH LOUD CYMBALS!  
LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!**

*Psalm 150*

Immanuel Lutheran's Praise Group is in its infancy and could use more musicians. We would like to expand to include you if you have been thinking about getting back to that instrument that is sitting in the closet. Or maybe you have been thinking of learning to play. Now is the perfect time to begin!



Beginners are welcome too! Or spend the next few months practicing until our church can resume full capacity worship. We could use tambourine and maraca players too. Music makers of all ages are welcome and encouraged.

Please email me with your questions and concerns. I can help you get started!

Kathleen Schneider, Music Director ~ [kathleenmusic88@verizon.net](mailto:kathleenmusic88@verizon.net)



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# REOPENING INFORMATION

## BEFORE worship Details

- To add to the prayer list, call the church office. The secretary will compile the list and leave it for use on Sunday.
- To add written announcements to the bulletin, contact the church office by end of day Monday for the following Sunday.
- Announcements will be made only by the Pastor. Provide your announcement (with full wording) to the church office. The secretary will provide a document with all announcements to the Pastor.

## 11:00 am LIVE and on-site WORSHIP DETAILS - INFO for attendance at the CHURCH

- **You MUST wear a mask. Please do not remove them while in the building.** There will be supplies at church if you do not have one to bring.
- We may be testing temperatures on the way into the church.
- We will be taking attendance as you enter, so that contact tracing can be done if anyone gets sick.
- We will be asking you to sign a waiver acknowledging your risk of exposure to COVID 19.
- We will not have any cards, envelopes, pencils, papers, cushions or tissue boxes in the pews.
  - We will not use communion cards for the immediate future. If you are concerned about being on record for communion, call the church office during the week and Vi will record your communion.
  - Any cushions that are currently on a pew will be relocated to the shelf above the coat rack. Collect your cushion to use during worship and return it at the close of worship.

- Tissue boxes will also be placed on the coat rack shelf. Collect yours as necessary.
- We will have volunteers at the Chester Pike entrance to screen and take attendance. We will not be leaving the handicapped entry unlocked...but if you need to enter there, please have someone in your party let the greeters know at the Chester Pike entry. They will meet you to admit you at the Winona entrance.
- **Please bring hand sanitizer with you.**
- After the service everyone will be expected to leave immediately. Any socialization will need to take place out of doors, maintaining physical distancing.

### **INFO for attendance via Phone or Internet**

- Please go to Facebook or our Immanuel website at [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) for the most up to date information on how to view our weekly Worship Service virtually.

### **SUPPORT IMMANUEL BY SHOPPING AT BOSCOV'S!**



The graphic features the Boscov's logo on the left, a photo of two smiling women on the right, and the text 'FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS' in the center. Below this, it says '2 BIG DAYS' in a black box with yellow text, followed by 'OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH, 2020 - 9AM TO 9PM -' in white text on a red background.

Friends Helping Friends Days is back and expanded to 2 Days to avoid crowds and allow social distancing to keep you safe and comfortable!

**How it works:** Shop Boscov's **in-store or**

**online October 14th & 15th 9am-9pm.** Shoppers get 20% off our lowest sale prices. \*10% discount items and exclusions apply. Boscov's Donates 5% back to a non-profit of your choice! **Select Immanuel Lutheran Church from the list of pre-registered organizations at the register in-store or during checkout online.**