

The family of Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes you.
We hope that you will Worship with us often.



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3184 Church Street, P.O. Box 739
Manchester, Maryland
"A Stephen Ministry Congregation"

Our mission as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another

Saturday, February 18, 2017
Sunday, February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Stewardship Weekend

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Immanuel welcomes you to our worship today. We hope that you will feel welcome. We invite you to become a part of the ministry of Immanuel.

Please sign in on the Red Pad found at each center row pew.

The Head Usher is here to assist you at any time during the service.

Sunday School classes are offered for children 2 years old through adult. We welcome you to join our program! Contact the church office or if classes are in session, simply stop by when you are here. Classes are at 10:15am, following the Sunday service. Registration Forms are in the back and on our website. ***Please join us!!***

Worship Assistants

	Sat Feb 18
Head Usher	Jen Edwards
Greeter	Barb Davidson
Lector	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Jeanne Swain

	Sun Feb 19
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Laurie Miller Steve Miller
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	Denise Rickell
Offering Ushers	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Wendy Maloney
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Brian Kremen

Cell Phone / Electronics Announcement

Kindly, turn off or silence
ALL devices during our services.
Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our hope is that you feel welcome at the Lord's Table. We welcome all baptized Christians who proclaim with us the crucified and risen Christ's real presence as he gives us his body and blood as food and drink. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available, please let the Communion assistants know of this dietary preference. The pastor also offers a pastoral blessing at the Communion Rail for those who do not wish to receive Communion.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor Charlie will offer individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Ave Verum” - Mozart*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a Church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship. **We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

Center us in daily prayer. **We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in the mission of the church.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us.

We commit our lives to your word, O God.

By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Built on a Rock”

ELW #652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: “I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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GREETING

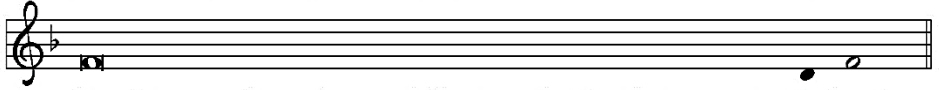
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



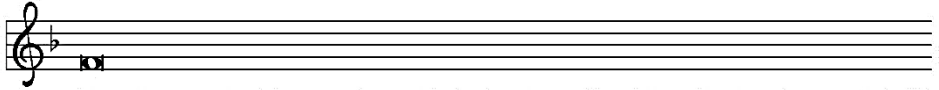
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



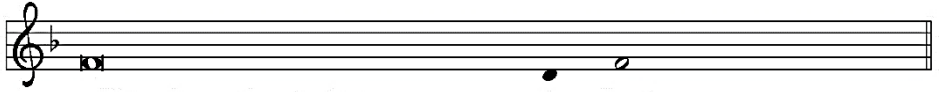
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



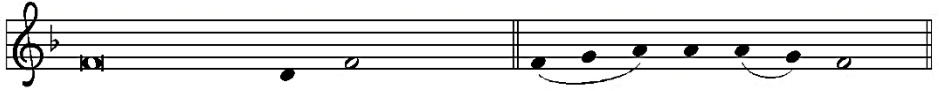
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



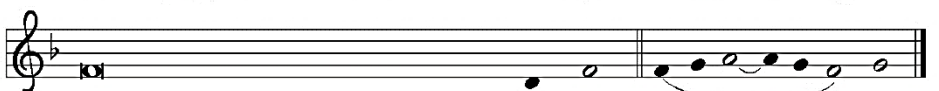
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

²⁰and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours,

²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

‘Building on the Foundation’

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we bring forward today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth as leaves on a tree, as flowers in our hearts, as blessings in your kingdom, as joy in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As your personal act of worship, during the singing of the Hymn of the Day you may bring your Estimate of Giving Card forward and place it in the basket before the altar.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

ELW#707



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warned by you, at length be - lieve that mete hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting especially those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who
gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



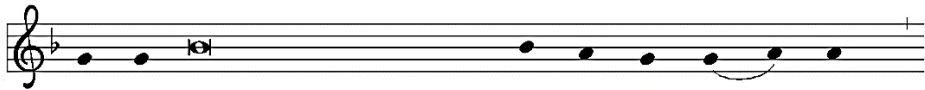
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



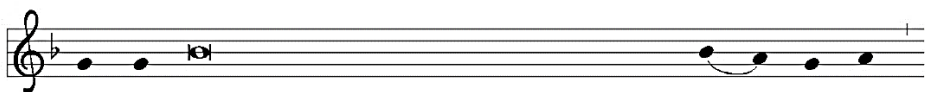
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



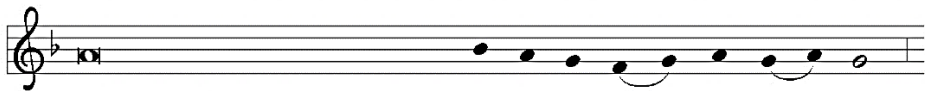
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;



in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,



and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

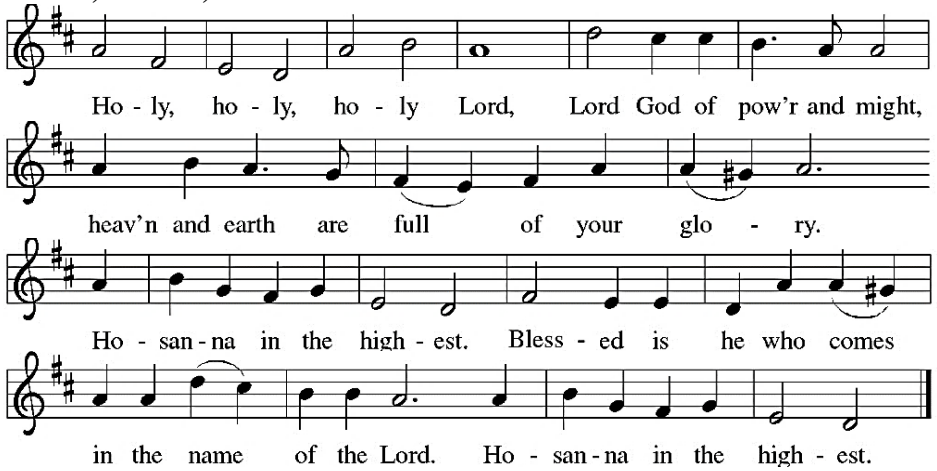


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world. In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him. By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

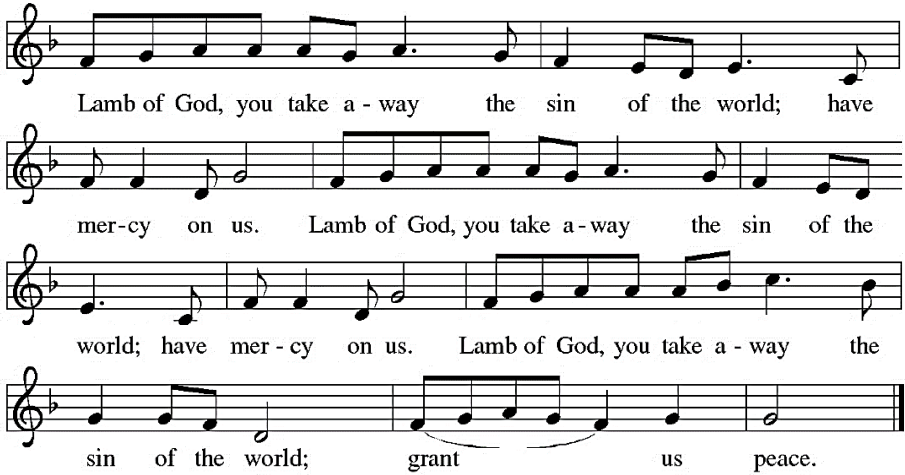
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The light of Christ came into our world and shines in the darkness.
Come now to feast at Christ's table.

LAMB OF GOD



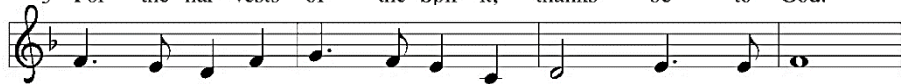
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Beginning from the front row and moving toward the back, come down the center aisle from both sides. Take an empty cup, walk to either end of the communion rail to kneel or stand. Pita bread will be the host or a gluten-free wafer will be provided upon request. If a cup is not presented for wine, you will receive a prepared cup of grape juice. After communing, stay as long as you wish to pray. Place empty cup in basket at end of the pew. Return to seat by the side aisle.



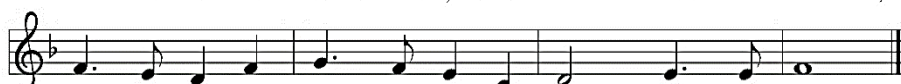
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



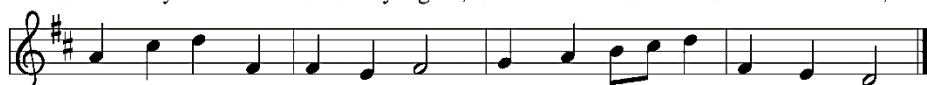
fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
 Music: AR HYD'Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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"Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW #685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



☐ 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

Let us pray. O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace, to tell the story of Jesus Christ, our bright morning star.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

MUSIC: IN BABILONE. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “*In My Heart There Rings a Melody*”

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Next Week's Readings: February 20~26 Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Feb 19	Social Hall Reserved Worship Service w Communion 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet 1:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm
Mon Feb 20	Work Day 9am-2pm AA 8:00pm Al-Anon 8:00pm
Tues Feb 21	Bible Study in Oak Tree Room 11:00am Bible Study at Pr Home 7:00pm Cub and Boy Scout Meeting 7:00pm
Wed Feb 22	AA 7:15pm
*Thur Feb 23	Choir Practice 7:00pm
Fri Feb 24	Pastor Day Off Social Hall Reserved AA and Al-Anon 8:00pm
*Sat Feb 25	Worship Service w Communion 5:00pm Social Hall Reserved SS Italian Dinner 5:30pm AA 6:30pm
Sun Feb 26	Worship Service w Communion 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am

*Pastor Away

Altar flowers are sponsored in honor of
our son Brian's 37th birthday and
our brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Sue's
38th Wedding Anniversary all on February 17th
with lots of love
~Barb and Gene Yingling

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Lessons and Prayers are sponsored
in memory of Lavere Jones' February 18th Birthday
by His loving family

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Donation to the Kitchen Fund
received from Dorothy Townshend

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18-19 BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

Last weekend we celebrated our 257th birthday as a congregation. Not one of us was here when this congregation was born, although some of us have ancestors who were among the founders. We are who we are today because of the faithfulness and dedication of the generations who have gone before us. The light of Christ has been passed from them to us, and now it is up to us to keep the light of God's Love shining brightly in all we do until we pass it on to those who will follow after us. There is a name for that responsibility of tending something we ourselves did not create: *STEWARDSHIP*.

Today we re-dedicate ourselves to build on the strong foundation others have laid here at Immanuel. By our faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted to us, Immanuel Lutheran Church will continue to make Christ known in the Manchester community for many, many years to come

Join Pastor Charlie for our year-round Sunday morning Bible study at 10:30am in the Martin Luther Room based on the Bible readings for that Sunday's worship service. No previous knowledge of the Bible or of Lutheran doctrine are needed.

FEBRUARY 2017 LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 30~Feb 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 6~12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 13~19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
February 20~26 Transfiguration	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge for February Jesus said... "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)

Many thanks to all who accepted my Bible challenge for January. I enjoyed both the reading and the interaction with you on Facebook. It was a broad overview of the Gospel that we will be focusing on in worship this year.

My *Bible Challenge for February* will focus on First Corinthians, Paul's challenging letter to a divided and polarized congregation.

Here are the readings for this week:

2/19	1 Corinthians 12:14-21
2/20	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
2/21	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
2/22	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
2/23	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
2/24	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
2/25	1 Corinthians 15:20-28



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Ardice Holbrook
February 7, 1970

Chris & Debbie Miller
February 14

Bobby & Susan Yingling
February 17

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sam Guthrie	5	Pam Miller	8	Brian Yingling	17
Earl Nace	5	Brenda Murray	9	Ellen Stickles	20
Luther Myers	7	Jacob McCarty	13	Christian Adami	24
Katie Martin	7	Ryleigh Hoffman	14		
Sarah Marshall	8	Ron Davidson	17		

SAVE THESE DATES!

Next Sunday, Feb 26:

Transfiguration Service at 9am

Tues, Feb 28:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6pm

Wed, March 1:

Ash Wednesday Service at Immanuel

Soup/Study at 12noon and 6pm

Worship w Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 1pm and 7pm

March 4~5:

Lent 1

Wed, March 8:

Lenten Wednesdays @ Immanuel

March 11~12:

Lent 2

Spring forward – Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday at 2am

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

New Sponsorship Option: The altar vases are budgeted for every weekend. However, should you not wish to sponsor both vases, **you may now sponsor only one vase for \$25.** (Both vases will still be on the altar) **Co-Sponsor** with a family member or a friend to split the cost. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the **FLOWER SPONSORSHIP** bulletin board in the office hallway. Your written information, with your payment, **must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date** to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin. Sign-up open for your sponsorship dates. Contact Altar Guild with questions.

Prices: \$50 for **both** Altar Vases vs \$25 for **one vase ONLY**
\$30 for Center Arrangement
\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

Sponsorship Dates OPEN:

- **February 25-26** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
(Transfiguration)
- **Wed. March 1** Lessons & Prayers
(Ash Wednesday)
- **March 4-5** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 18-19** Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is seeking caring, reliable people to help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors. Give 1 hour of your time to deliver nutritious meals on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 11am and 1pm. To get started please call Volunteer Services at 443-573-0925 or email us at volunteer@mowcm.org.



Visit us at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org
to apply online and to view all volunteer opportunities.

Work Day is THIS Monday, February 20. Please join us any time that you can, for however long that you can - from 9am to 2pm for making Linus Quilts and fellowship. No sewing experience is necessary. Lunch provided.

Princess Pillowcase Project makes dresses out of pillowcases, sheets and fabric for local missionary groups to deliver. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the *North Carroll Senior Center* from 9am to 2:30pm. We iron, sew, cut, organize, make kits and bind and pack ...
...so there is always a job for everyone!!

Our upcoming dates are February 22, March 8 and March 22.

Italian Dinner time! Join us on Saturday, February 25th at 5:30pm (snow date of March 4th) for our annual Italian Dinner to support our Sunday School classes.

Ticket sign-up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary. Tickets are only \$5 and youth under 5 are free! Dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti or lasagna, and dessert. We will have meatless options as well as gluten free options. We look forward to serving you at our fun and delicious dinner!



We will start our Lenten season with our pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm. We will serve sausages, pancakes (blueberry, choc chip, plain) and fastnachts.

Plan to bring your family to Immanuel on Shrove Tuesday to enjoy a great meal. Use this time to talk about what you plan to do this Lenten season: you may be planning to attend the mid-week services or volunteering to help people in need or some other outreach project that is important to you.



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

There is a sheet in the back of the church –
sign up to attend and to volunteer.

As always, we thank you for your help.

LENTEN SOUP, STUDY, AND WORSHIP

Immanuel Church (IELC) and Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) will share a meal, study, and worship together on Wednesdays during Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have a day and an evening time to gather. Starting with Soup/Study (at noon and 6pm) followed by a Worship Service with Disposition of Ashes and Communion (at 1pm and 7pm).

We continue to offer a day and an evening time for the Wednesdays during Lent. Each of the gatherings are an hour, starting at noon and at 6pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Date	Location	Day Time	Evening Time
Ash Wednesday, March 1	IELC	12pm Soup/Study 1pm Worship Svs	6pm Soup/Study 7pm Worship Svs
March 8	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 15	TUCC	12pm	6pm
March 22	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 29	TUCC	12pm	6pm
April 5	IELC	12pm	6pm

Although it is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gathering, we hope you will be able to attend most of them. These mid-week times of study and reflection will be in place of regularly scheduled Bible Study.

Ash Wednesday Worship Assistants

	March 1 at 1pm	March 1 at 7pm
Head Usher	TBD	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	-----	Sandy Voight
Greeters	TBD	Judy Bixler Linda Black
Lector	Pete Wulforst	Todd Robinson
Offering Ushers	----- TBD TBD -----	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Audrey Shaffer Jeanne Swain
Communion Stewards	Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Debbie Hebrank Tony Mancuso
Acolytes	-----	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	-----	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	-----	Brian Kremen

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our worship on Ash Wednesday will include the option of walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth goes back 5,000 years or more. Beginning in the Middle Ages, Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a symbol, changing the design to imbue it with specifically Christian meaning.

The labyrinth will be built from food cans which will be donated to NESAP and Tree of Friends Foodbanks. Please bring your cans (lots of them) to church *by next weekend!* Cans should not be expired.

Suggested canned items (to be used for Easter food baskets for NESAP) are:

Baked Beans and Other Beans	Green Beans	Peas
Tuna, Salmon, Spam, Chicken	Corn	Carrots
Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, etc.	Gravy/Broth	Fruit
Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup

Please consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel!

No experience is needed! We currently support four groups:



~The Sunday Adult Choir

~The Chime Choir

~The Luther Men

~The Children's Choir

Even if you are not able to commit to regular practices, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

Jerry Hoffman (*Organist/Choir Director*) **Audrey Moose** (*Chime Director*)

Wayne Thomas (*Luther Men*) **Amanda Yingling** (*Children's Choir*)

- **Sunday Adult Choir** holds weekly practices on Thursdays from 7-8pm
- **Chime Choir** holds weekly practice on Thursdays beginning at 6pm
- **The Luther Men** sing four times a year
- **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly

More information on our [Music Ministry Bulletin Board](#) in the office hallway.

HELP WANTED

Immanuel Church needs you.

Are you willing to share some of your time and talent assisting your congregation?

Immanuel is in search of a member willing to update the church website, when needed.

Immanuel also needs a person to publicize our church and our activities in the local newspapers.

Both of these tasks can be done in the comfort of your own home and would require minimal time.

Immanuel Church Cancellation Policy

We hold that every member of the congregation is a gift and blessing from God. Keeping this in mind, it is our responsibility to care for the safety of each member of the congregation. We are aware that weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and activities at Immanuel Church. Every attempt will be made to decide to cancel services/activities two hours prior through the following official sites:

WBAL Ch 11 Television closure site, Immanuel Facebook page, Immanuel Web Site, and the Church Phone Message.

Whenever possible, cancelled services will be rescheduled and will be announced via Facebook, Website and Church Phone Message.

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell (parkinsons)	Nancy Rohrback	Phyllis Zumbrun
*Walter Ruby	*Pat Diseroad	Nicolas Campbell
*Ardice Holbrook	Elissa Snedeker	Cheryl Myers
Ann Trent	Carolyn Kittelberger	Leann Eltz
Cary Myers	Ulli Woschitz	Linda Calhoun
Gail Brown	Kelly McNeal	Carolyn Hamlet
Fred Davies	Greg Losiewski	Terry Sutton
Stella Gary	John Leitner	Jennifer Bortner
Reid Ronayne	Carter Murphy	Gary Eppley
Dorinda Smith	*Carl Krauss	Audrey Moose
Ann Miller	*Romaine Harper	George Colonna
*Dolly Ruby	*Debra Hartlaub	Larry Hentz
Jan Rhoten	*Paulyne Hartlaub	Barbara Johnson
Robert Rhoten	Tommy Leonard	Danny Myers
Joey Morris	Margaret Graham	Donnie Gonzalez
Anna Warehime	Brian Haga	Joe Hunter
*Ginny Sellers	Darcie Robinson	Dick Hebrank
Dervilla Hynes	Richard Sterner	Fred Ayers
Kelcie Gavin	Anna Krauss	Connie Dattilio
Lisa Wulforst	Jamie Walker	Bart Walder
Jenni Roiser	Al Phillips	Esther Miller
Deborah Moose	Brenda Kiler Perry	Bob Shaffer
Loretta Hanson	Ethel Hunt	

*Pastoral Care list

Family of Leroy Mullins (Husband of Pam)

Family of Arlene Yingling (Wife of John)

Our Missionary in South Sudan refugee camps: Rev. Wal Reat

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson Matthew Swain Kyle Pasta David Mace



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