

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, March 3, 2018
Sunday, March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

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 March 3	
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Judy Bixler
Lectors	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Jeanne Swain
Communion	Linda Black
Supply Pastor	Deacon Don Helfer

Sun March 4	
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Carolyn Kittelberger Betty Miller
Lector	Carol Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette TBD TBD
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Joey Pomaes
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck

Cell Phone Reminder

Please either turn off or silence your device during our service. 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 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 weekend service.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

During the season of Lent

we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We fail in love, neglect justice,

and ignore your truth.

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us all our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW #807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERING ~ *Anthony's Way*

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus.

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

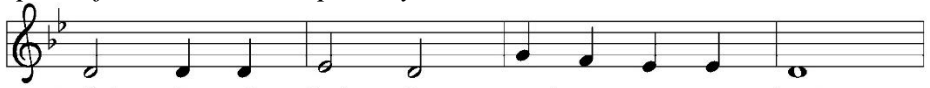
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

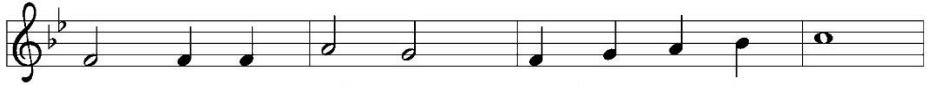
ELW #800



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

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

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross. Unite us as one body in Christ. Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed, demonstrating with our words and bodies the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For sheep, cattle, and all domesticated livestock. For wild creatures, service animals, and pets. Provide shelter, food, and safe drinking water for every living creature. Protect the earth from disaster and harm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor one another as you command. Protect refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those who lack what they need for daily life. For people whose lives are consumed by their possessions. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill especially those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for their families, sponsors, and faith mentors. For Bible study leaders and participants. For our elders in thanksgiving for the depth of wisdom and experience they offer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us. Inspire us by their witness and example. Bring us with them into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

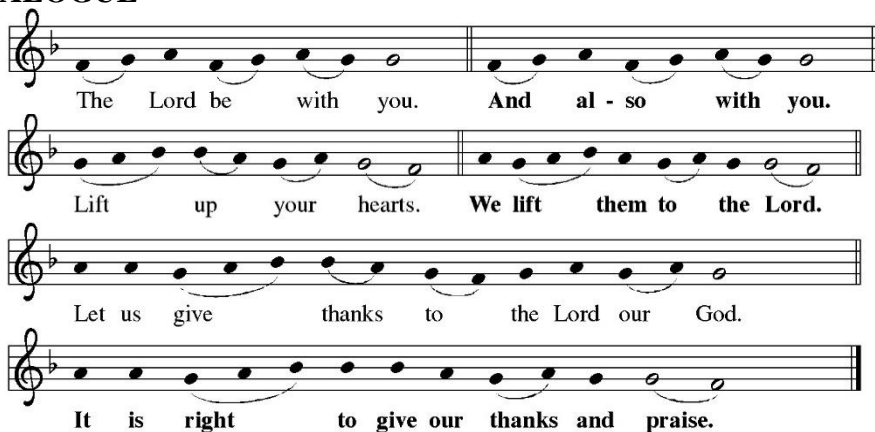


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. 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

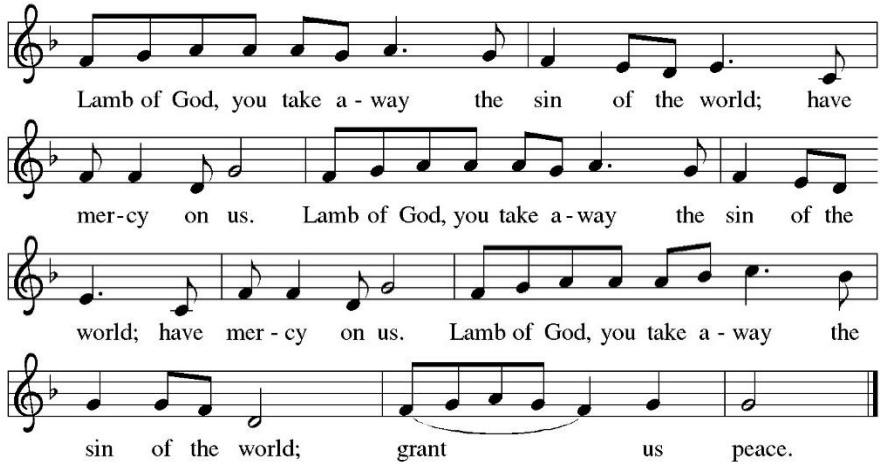
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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 if you wish wine, walk to either end of the communion rail to kneel or stand. Pita bread will be the host or a gluten-free wafer provided upon request. If no empty cup is presented for wine, you will be given a prepared cup of grape juice. After communing, stay as long as you wish to pray. Place empty cup in the basket at either end of the pew. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMNS “When Peace like a River”

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

ELW #772



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-ands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

ELW #805



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
- 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings: March 5 ~ 11 Lent 4:
 Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

++ CALENDAR ++

Sun Mar 4	Monthly Mission Special Offering	
	Children's Choir Practice	8:15am
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School: Group Project	10:15am
	Coffee Hour	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:45am
** Choral Vespers –Gettysburg Seminary Chapel		7:00pm
Mon Mar 5	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
	Finance Meeting	7:00pm
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Tues Mar 6	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Mar 7	Soup 'n' Bible Study	12-1pm
	Soup 'n' Bible Study	6-7pm
	Evening Prayer Service	7:15pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur Mar 8	Chime Practice	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Mar 9	Pastor Day Off	
	AA and Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Mar 10	Worship Service w Communion	5:00pm
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Mar 11	Children's Choir Practice	8:15am
	Worship Service w Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:15am
	** Confirmation Class mtg on Monday, March 5.	

Thank You

We welcome Deacon Don Helfer,
 from Jerusalem Lutheran Church on Bachman Valley Road,
 as a preacher and worship leader at the Saturday service.

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I thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and cake.

~Thank you, Gene Black

The **Altar Vases** are un-sponsored for this weekend, March 3-4. Contact Altar Guild following the Sunday service if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers. Thank you.

**** THIS WEEKEND ****

MONTHLY SPECIAL OFFERING:

Anthony's Way is a non-profit, that helps anyone suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, and related conditions to achieve a better quality of life and become accountable individuals.

Anthony's Way supports anyone suffering with the disease of addiction and their families begin their journey to recovery.

*Make checks payable to Immanuel Church

COFFEE HOUR:

Join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 4th.

PEACE, LOVE, DOLLS:

Makenna Steel, a middle school student in Westminster, uses her allowance to purchase used Barbie dolls at yard sales and consignment shops. She cleans them, restyles their hair, and puts them in a new outfit. The dolls are then donated to local shelters and relief organizations to give to girls in need. According to Makenna, no Barbie is beyond repair!

Makenna will visit our youth THIS SUNDAY immediately following coffee hour. She will share her story of how she started Peace, Love, Dolls. Our youth will help make tags for dolls that are ready to be donated.



Easter is on April 1st this year. We are filling 34 baskets and food for our sponsored families. The baskets are in the Narthex – please consider taking a basket to fill. A table is also be set up for the food donations.

Baskets need to be returned by March 20th for delivery on March 24th.

Please contact someone on the Social Ministry Committee if:

you would like to donate ham/hams for our Easter families

you would like to help with the delivery of baskets and food

Contemplative music for a contemplative season, in a service of Evening Prayer led by the Schola Cantorum of Gettysburg at Gettysburg Seminary Chapel at 7pm on Sunday, March 4. (*Confirmation class will meet Monday, March 5 at 7pm.) Seminary Chapel at Gettysburg
147 Seminary Ridge
Gettysburg, PA 17325

PASTOR CHARLIE'S MARCH BIBLE CHALLENGE

Having completed our study of the Gospel according to Mark, we will read selected passages for the seasons of Lent and Holy Week from the daily lectionary. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

3/1	1 Peter 2:4-10	3/12	Hebrews 3:1-6	3/23	Philippians 2:12-18
3/2	Acts 7:30-40	3/13	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	3/24	Mark 10:46-52
3/3	Mark 9:2-8	3/14	John 8:12-20	3/25	Mark 11:1-11
3/4	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	3/15	Hebrews 4:1-13	3/26	Isaiah 42:1-9
3/5	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	3/16	Hebrews 4:14-16	3/27	Isaiah 49:1-7
3/6	Hebrews 9:23-28	3/17	John 12:1-11	3/28	Isaiah 50:4-9a
3/7	Mark 11:15-19	3/18	John 12:20-33	3/29	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
3/8	Ephesians 1:3-6	3/19	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	3/30	Isaiah 53:1-12
3/9	Ephesians 1:7-14	3/20	Acts 2:14-24	3/31	Romans 6:3-11
3/10	John 3:1-13	3/21	John 12:34-50		
3/11	John 3:14-21	3/22	Philippians 2:1-11		

HOLY WEEK @ Immanuel

Passion Saturday~Palm Sunday

5pm March 24 & 9am 25

Maundy Thursday

6pm Agape Meal

7pm March 29

Good Friday

7pm March 30

Saturday Vigil of Easter

5pm March 31

EASTER SERVICES

@ Immanuel

Easter Sunday Sunrise

7am April 1

Easter Breakfast

8am

Easter Sunday Resurrection

9am April 1

Wedding Anniversaries

Walter and Charlotte Hann
March 5, 1966

John and Mary Popp
March 5

March Birthdays

Meghan Lee	1	Dolly Ruby	14
Greg Miller	2	Matthew Rooney	15
Iva Martin	3	Dave Robinson	16
Ketti McCarty	4	Daphne Lee	17
Janis Hagert	5	Laura Kiler	18
Heather Hoffman	5	Logan Reiley	19
John Taylor	5	Susan Adami	24
Doris Dell	9	Jeff Mullins	26
Rodgers Hagert	9	Brittany Trott	26
Audrey Shaffer	9	Henry Adami	28
Pat Hentz	11	Dana Martin	30
Jennifer Holbrook	12	Jennifer Biden	31
Jared Patterson	14	Brooks Hoffman	31

LOOKING AHEAD ...

TODAY, March 3-4 Lent 3

Monthly Special Missions Offering collected for 'Anthony's Way'
Sunday Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 7

Soup 'n' Bible Study: (daytime) 12 noon - 1 pm
(evening) 6 – 7 pm*

***Evening Prayer** at 7:15 pm* (Sanctuary)

March 10-11 Lent 4

Sunday Daylight Savings Time begins – spring forward
Sunday Children's Choir Special Music
Easter Lily sales begin

Wednesday, March 14

Soup 'n' Bible Study: (daytime) 12 noon - 1 pm
(evening) 6 – 7 pm*

***Evening Prayer** at 7:15 pm* (Sanctuary)

March 17-18 Lent 5

Easter Lily sales continue
Luther Men practice @ 10:30am (choir room)

Wednesday, March 21

FINAL Soup 'n' Bible Study: (daytime) 12 noon - 1 pm
(evening) 6 – 7 pm*

***Evening Prayer** at 7:15 pm* (Sanctuary)

March 24-25

Passion Saturday ~ Palm Sunday Services @ 5 pm and 9 am
'Passion Reading, According to Mark' during both services
Sunday, Chime Choir and Luther Men special music
Deadline for Easter Lilies

Consider becoming a part of the **Music Ministry of Immanuel!**

We currently support four various groups:

- ~ *The Sunday Adult Choir* ~ *The Chime Choir*
- ~ *The Luther Men* ~ *The Children's Choir – 'All God's Children'*
- ~ *Woman's Harmony Choir* (COMING SOON!)

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

- ~ **Jerry Hoffman** (Organist/Choir Director)
- ~ **Audrey Moose** (Chime Choir Director)
- ~ **Wayne Thomas** (Luther Men Choir)
- ~ **Amanda Yingling** (Children's Choir Coordinator)
- ~ **Susan Burnette** (Woman's Harmony Choir)



NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,

just your willingness to help and '*make a joyful noise!*'

- **The Sunday Adult Choir** – weekly practices on Thursdays @ 7-8 pm (September thru May)
- **The Chime Choir** - practice Thursdays @ 6 pm (auditorium)
- **The Luther Men** sing quarterly, following Sunday worship, as needed
- **The Children's Choir** sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed
- **The Woman's Harmony Choir** will sing quarterly(organization in progress)

More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS

Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the 2018 FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Written information and payment, must be received by 12noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to be included in the bulletin.

Co-Sponsor with a family member or a friend to split the cost.

Prices: \$50 for both Altar Vases or \$25 for only one sponsored vase

\$30 for Center Arrangement

\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

OPEN WEEKENDS:

- **March 10-11** Center Arrangement
- **March 17-18** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 24-25** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- **March 29** Lessons & Prayers
Maundy Thursday
- **March 30** Lessons & Prayers
Good Friday



Easter Lily Sales begin next Saturday, March 10th. Each lily plant costs \$10.50. Please use the order form from your February or March Visitors or take an order form from the Easter Lily display outside the sanctuary. Complete the needed information along with your payment and drop in the 'Easter Lily' basket on the lamp table of the church office. If the office door is locked, drop your order in the door slot. The **deadline is Palm Sunday, March 25th.**

All sponsorships will be printed in the special Easter bulletin insert.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any Bible study

→ SUNDAY MORNING: LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am. Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

→ MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

During Lent, the **Morning and Evening Groups** will join in the Wednesday Lenten Soup Study.

→ CONFIRMATION CLASS: Every Sunday at 7pm in Oak Tree Room.

→ Lenten Soup & Study and Worship



“God Is Speaking! Are We Listening?”
Wednesdays: February 21 – March 21

Soup ‘n’ Bible Study

12-1pm and 6-7pm
(Social Hall)

Evening Prayer

7:15pm
(Sanctuary)

God speaks to us in many ways: through prayer and the reading and study of God’s Word, through our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, through the people around us in our community, and through the events and experiences of life. In our Lenten Bible study we will see how the early Church experienced phenomenal growth by listening and responding to God. We conclude the day with a simple service of evening prayer in the sanctuary. Please join us, and bring your friends!

Mar 7: Acts 2:37-47 Life in the Early Church

Mar 14: Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Mar 21: Acts 10:1-48 Peter and Cornelius

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Worship Assistants

	Maundy Thursday, March 29th @ 7pm	Good Friday, March 30th @ 7pm
Head Usher	Susan Burnette	Jeremy Edwards
Altar Guild	Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette
Greeters	Linda Black Bart Walder	Betty Miller Bart Walder
Lector	Luther Myers	GoodFridayReaders
Offering Ushers	Rhonda Kiler Barbara Yingling Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Silent Offering
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette John Gregg Todd Robinson Sandy Voight	-----
Acolytes	Austin Gregg Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Worship Assistants

	Easter Vigil 5pm Sat, Mar 31	Easter Sunrise 7am Sun, April 1	Easter Resurrection 9am Sun, April 1
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain	Sharon Slivecky	Joe Fleck
Altar Guild	-----	Audrey Shaffer	Barb and Gene Yingling
Greeter(s)	Rodgers Hargett	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Luther Myers	TBD	Barbara Guthrie
Offering Ushers	----- Rodgers Hagert Walter Hann -----	Garth Eckhardt Andy Kiler Ken Kiler Audrey Shaffer	Norman Downes Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Bart Walder
Communion Stewards (Intinction)	----- Linda Black Jeanne Swain -----	Christine Crouch Audrey Shaffer TBD -----	Susan Burnette Barb Yingling Amanda Yingling -----
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	-----	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler	Dylan Andrews Jayden Bosnick
Crucifer	-----	Ashton Eckhardt	Jordan Bosnick
Pray w/ Pastor	-----	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	-----	Garth Eckhardt	Bart Walder

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, please submit your email address to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

The Westminster Cluster Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA will hold its Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 7 at 9:30am at St Benjamin's Lutheran Church in Westminster.

"Light the Fire" – Revitalize your women's group

You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend or two! For planning purposes, please RSVP to Gloria Kniss at 717-359-7681.



North Carroll Middle School PTO is hosting a fundraising ***shoe drive*** now through April 15, accepting donations of gently worn, used and new shoes. Amount of money raised is determined by total weight of the shoes collected.

All the donated shoes will be redistributed to microenterprise partners through Funds2Orgs, a for profit social enterprise. They will be used in developing nations for impoverished people to start their own businesses.

Shoes may be dropped off at the school, located at 2401 Hanover Pike, Hampstead, during regular school hours. Should you have any questions, email northcarrollpto@gmail.com.

Job Opening /Help Wanted Debbie Davis who is the director of *Christian Hands Child Care* at St. Benjamin Lutheran Church in Westminster needs an aide Mon-Fri 8 to noon for the 2,3,and 4-year old class and also an aide/assistant for the infant room three days a week.

Call 410-871-4790 for an interview.

Set up AUTOMATIC DONATIONS

You can make a one-time donation, or you can set up a recurring offering from your bank account or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our church website www.ielcmd.org has a link to get started.

*** If you do not want to use the computer, we have a paper form! ***

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Terri Blevins	Dan Riley
*Walter Ruby	Cassandra Fleckenstein	Kathryn Riley
*Ardice Holbrook	Steven Gary	Joeann Peach
Ann Trent	Karen Schaefer	Jan Engman
Cary Myers	Gary Southard	Bill Whitehead III
Gail Brown	Paul Moffitt	Tricia
Fred Davies	Gaiser Family	Joe Fleck
Reid Ronayne	Gene Yingling	Daniel Woo
Dorinda Smith	Ally Crossley	Lisa Wulforst
Ann Miller	Angela Locke	Katie & Brian Benden
*Dolly Ruby	Michelle Richie	Denise Rickell
Jan Rhoten	Janis Hagert	Connie Dattilio
Robert Rhoten	Dot Matthews	Tonia Files
Joe Morris	Wesley Martin family	Katy Moran
*Ginny Sellers	Jerry Hoffman	Justin Tawney
Deborah Moose	Mary Alice Steger	Jackie Losiewski
Elissa Snedeker	Jeff Mullins	Brenda Kiler Perry
John Leitner	Carolyn Kittelberger	Janet Gross
*Carl Krauss	Bill Skelley	June Hale
*Romaine Harper	Gary Eppley	Mary Ayers
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Kelly McNeal	Gretchen Jensen
Leann Eltz	Carter Murphy	Mary Popp
Joe Miller	Maria Barczak	Jim Menges
Esther Miller	Jerry Betzler	Cyndi Seibel
Ann Harden	Jodi Grossman	Nancy Rohrback
John Marshall	Dave Jones	Jack Kremen
Doug Brown	Jeffrey Jones	Hazel Leppo
Don Diseroad	Barry Rill	Janet Brady
Thelma Blizzard	Jim Federici	Logan Reiley

*Pastoral Care list

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

Those serving in the military:

Brett Richardson, Jenelle Espinoza, Kyle Pasta,
David Mace, Cassy Sanders, Gavin Bussard



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