

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome

It is a blessing to have you with us today, and we hope you will continue to bless us with your presence! We gather in worship to praise God for all his benefits and to have our faith encouraged and strengthened by God's Word and Sacraments. We hope you will experience these blessings, too. We invite you to sign the guest book in the lower narthex, and introduce yourself to the pastor.

Our History

In 1911, a small group of Lutherans followed God's call to organize a Lutheran congregation in what was then a rural part of Northeast Philadelphia. Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church has served God for the past century, adapting to the challenges of ministry in a changing and evolving neighborhood, while remaining faithful to the vision of our founders to provide a faithful Lutheran witness to the people in our community. We pray that you are blessed by worship at Immanuel today.

Nursery

The nursery is available during Sunday worship for children aged infants to 3 years. An adult volunteer is assigned each week. Please see an usher if you would like your child to explore the wonders of the nursery while you worship with us.

Would You Like to Join Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Speak with Pastor Wright: (267) 897-0131 (cell) or email: rdonwright@gmail.com or contact our office: (215) 342-8203 or email: church@ilcs.us

Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2014

10:00am

Introduction

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Silent Prayer

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

The bell is rung three times in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

Stand

Hymn: *Before You, Lord, We Bow* 893

Confession and Forgiveness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel

Silence is kept for reflection

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Stand

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Kyrie

Assisting Minister: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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, gracious Lord.



A - men

Hymn of Praise

Assisting Minister: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al - so with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Sit

Children's Message

The Sunday school students go to their classes following this time.

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a

donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in¹ steadfast love.

**Lord, you are¹ good to all,
and your compassion is over¹ all your works.**

All your works shall praise¹ you, O Lord,
and your faithful¹ ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory¹ of your kingdom
and speak¹ of your power,**

that all people may know¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor¹ of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through-¹ out all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in¹ all your works.**

The Lord upholds all¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who¹ are bowed down.

Romans 7:15-29a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is

what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and

sinner!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Sermon

Pastor R. Don Wright

Stand

Hymn: *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* 742

Stand

The Apostle's Creed

Assisting Minister: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: 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

The Prayers

Assisting Minister: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for removing the heavy burden of sin from our shoulders and giving us rest and peace. Empower us to ease one another's burdens that all may know rest and peace. *Lord in your mercy,*
Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for we often do not understand our own actions and find ourselves guilty of having done what we did not want to do. Let sin, death and the devil have no power over us. *Lord in your mercy,*
Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for those in military service. On the occasion of the 238th year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we know that there is great cost involved in freedom and great trials in governing. We pray for all who struggle against tyranny and oppression whether political and personal; we pray for all who govern: give them courage, strength and patience. *Lord in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for attending to those whose bodies, minds and spirits are in need of healing and recovery. We pray for: Gert Clauhs, Connie Fry, Carol Sachs, and Betty Jean Schmidt. Give them strength in their bodies and peace in their hearts. *Hear us O God.* **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Sit

Offering

Assisting Minister: In thanksgiving for all God's benefits and for the strengthening of the work of his church in the world, we receive your tithes and offerings.

Offertory: *Ye Sweet Retreat*..... William Boyce

Stand

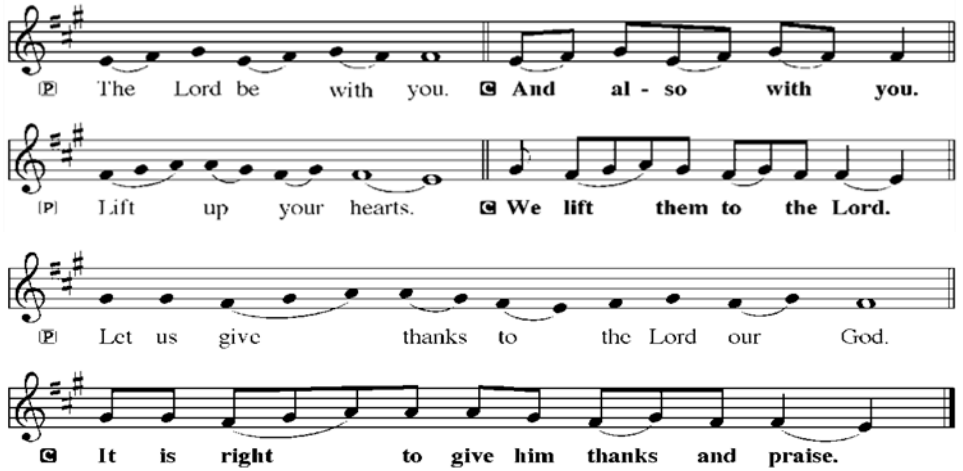
Offertory

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.

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



② The Lord be with you. ③ And al - so with you.

① Lift up your hearts. ③ We lift them to the Lord.

② Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

③ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

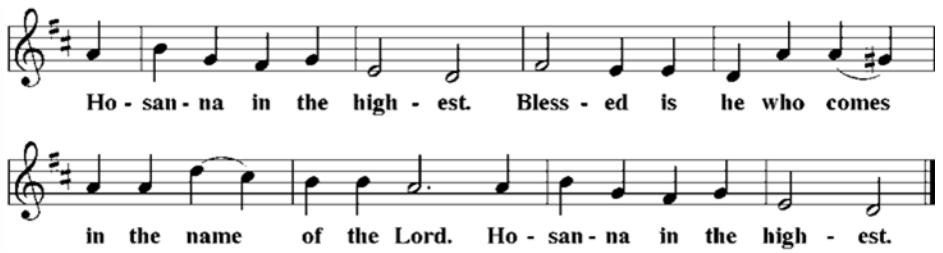
(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



③ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

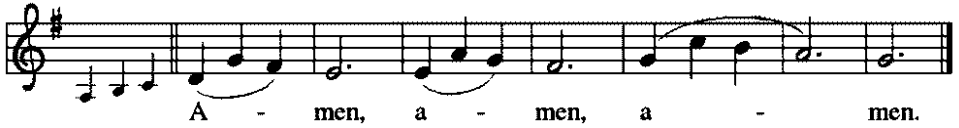
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your

saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray according to the words our Savior taught us:

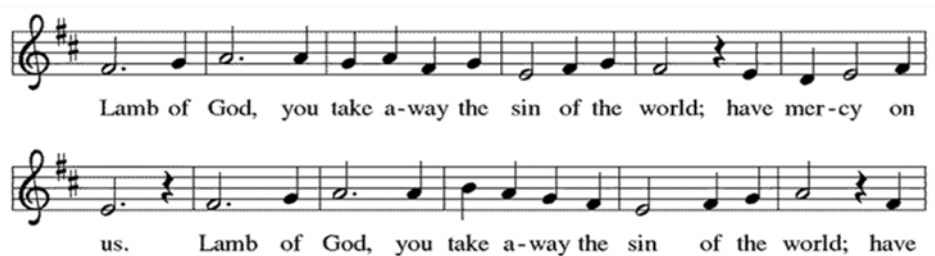
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

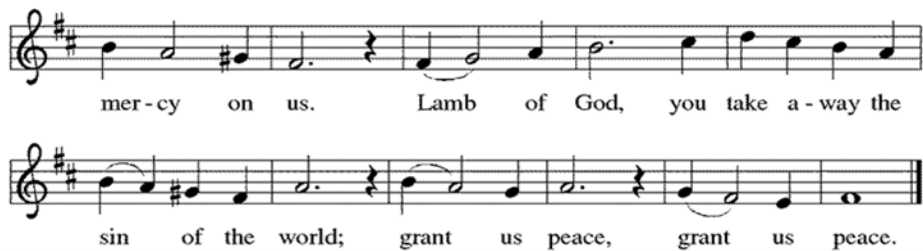
Sit

Holy Communion

We believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.

Lamb of God





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

Hymns During Holy Communion

O Bread of Life from Heaven 480

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 611

Stand

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.



amen

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* 888

Postlude: *The Star Spangled Banner* Key

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Assisting Minister: **Brandi Blank**

Reader: **Marie Frank**

Greeters: **Al and Sandy Bennett**

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9am Coffee Fellowship
9:30am Hymn Singing
10am Worship
11am Bible Study
7pm Quiet Contemplative Worship

Friday

Office Closed, Pastor's Day off

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Flowers

In loving memory of her mother, Clara A. Hoehn, from Joseph and Lorraine Schroeck

NE Conference News

During the month of July, we will be praying for our partners in ministry at Aid for Friends. Many of our congregations support Aid for Friends through donations of money and food, and are aware that the summer months can be difficult for those who are homebound. Please pray that this wonderful organization is able to provide adequate food and water for all in their care, and that the volunteers are kept safe as they visit with those being served by Aid for Friends.

Social Ministry

Please continue to donate to the food pantry so that we may assist those who are in need: **breakfast cereal, spaghetti, pasta sauce, hearty soups, canned stews, tuna fish, canned meats, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, canned milk, powdered milk and juice & juice packs.**

Bring these items to church and place them in the basket in the Lower Narthex. Cash donations are also appreciated. Mark an envelope "Food Pantry" and place in the offering plate.

Facebook

Immanuel Lutheran Church is now on Facebook. Check out our facebook page and see what's going on.

Pastor's Discretion Fund

Your donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps people in need to pay their bills, fix their cars, stay in their homes, buy new eye-glasses, medication, etc.

Cross/Torch Bearers, Candle Lighters

Boys or girls in 3rd grade and up interested in carrying the cross into worship or lighting the candles can contact **Terry Mayer** at 215-742-7404 (home), 215-808-3667 (cell) or mayergto@gmail.com

Nursery Volunteers

Help out in the nursery during worship for children 3 and under. Please contact **Terry Mayer**, at 215-742-7404 (home), 215-808-3667 (cell) or mayergto@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers

Call the Church Office and tell the secretary how you would like the memorial to read and for what date. You can place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "**Altar Flowers**," along with your name and envelope number or by mailing it to church.

Bring Someone to Church!

Can you pick up members from the Philadelphia Protestant Home (6500 Tabor Ave, Phila.), Gloria Dei Manor (753 Welsh Rd, Huntingdon Valley) or a member on the 1200 block of Napfle Street. Call the church office if you are available, even just once a month to help out.

Box Tops for Education

As you buy products that have the Box Tops for Education label, please save it for Immanuel School. Bring it to church and we will make sure it is forwarded to Immanuel.

Shoe Drive

Bring your used shoes to Immanuel and drop them off in the collection boxes located in Fellowship Hall or at Immanuel Lutheran School. The shoes are distributed to the poor and Immanuel receives \$.50 per pound.

Operation Helping Heroes

Operation helping Heroes will be praying for the brave men and women who serve our country. We will also be sending cards for special occasions, letters and packages.

If you have a family or friend who is serving in the United States military and would like them to be on our list please contact Diane Graham at 215-745-1982 or by email at operationhelpingheroes@yahoo.com. Please include their name, rank, address, and birth dates.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larissa Zeek-Weiler, who finished her Freshman year at Saint Basil Academy and has attained the Honor Roll during the final quarter of the 2013-2014 school year.

[Don't hold yourself back from participating in the Lord's Supper, but say to yourself]: I do not come in my own righteousness. In that case I would never come. A child is not baptized because it is godly, and I do not go to confession because I am pure. I go as one who is unworthy, who cannot be worthy. God preserve me from being unworthy.” We are always looking at our hands rather than at Christ's mouth. We ought to say, “I see what you say, not what I do.” **Martin Luther's Easter Book, edited by Roland Bainton**

The love of God breaks through the wrath. Humanity has nothing to do with the victory but accept it as God's victory. Luther feared that the idea of the sanctification of humanity by the incarnation was the opening of the door to redemption as a human work, as something that could be laid hold of by human power. But the human race was absolutely powerless in this matter. All its works were sin. The only thing it could do was gratefully accept the outpouring of divine love made manifest in the cross. **The Crucifixion of Jesus: History, Myth, Faith, by Gerard S. Sloyan**

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