

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die..... “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Singing: *“Jesus Name Above All Names”*

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise, you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Please Note:

In our worship, we celebrate The Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion), it is celebrated at our congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a Confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and Yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Reed.

Congratulations to the 3rd graders on receiving their Bibles!

*Emerey Draeger | Corey & Anna
Temperance Fahey | Zachariah & Jessica*

Eighth Grade Confirmation Class!

*Evelyn Buckentin | Matthew & Jocelynn
Lillyanna Draeger | Corey & Anna
Liam Fahey | Zachariah & Jessica
Jameson Mackenthun | Ryan & Tanya*

Measure of Our Stewardship:

Attendance: Wednesday September 16 – **21** | Sunday – September 20 – **118**

Contributions: General-\$3,234 | Missions-\$50 | Building Fund-\$199 | Cemetery-\$0 | Noah's Ark Preschool-\$30 | Portals of Prayers-\$0 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Plate-\$46 | Total- **\$3,559**

Weekly Happenings at Immanuel

**Sunday, Sept 27th LWML Sunday/ Presenting
Bibles to the 3rd Grade**

9:00 am | Worship Service
10:00 am | Sunday School
10:15 am | Ladies Aid Serving Coffee
10:30 am | Adult Bible Study
Last Day Pastoral Care Collections
German Dinner Tickets go on sale

Monday, September 28-October 13th
Pastor & Sherry on Vacation

Wednesday, September 30th
NO | Bible Class
NO | Confirmation Classes

Friday, October 2nd
NO | online 100 Bible Stories
1:30 pm | Ladies Aid Meeting

Sunday, October 4th | *Guest Pastor Michael Ewert*
9:00 am | Worship Service **/NO** Holy Communion
10:00am | Sunday School
NO | Bible Class

Tickets for Immanuel's German Dinner are now available for purchase! Don't wait—get your tickets early and join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship. Volunteer and donation sign-up sheets are also available on the table in the narthex. Be sure to sign up and help make this special event a success!

Reminder – 2026-2027 Scholarship Forms
Scholarship forms must be submitted no later than **September 30**. If you haven't turned yours in yet, please do so. Thank you!

Strides 4 CJD – Saturday, October 3rd
Join us for **Strides 4 CJD** on Saturday, October 3rd ! Events will include a 5K walk/run, pancake breakfast, silent auction, and more. This event is held in memory of Brenda Miller and others affected by CJD.

Correction from last Sunday Bulletin:
The Noah's Ark Preschool pergola in the Outdoor Classroom is donated in memory of Roger Draeger. It is donated and installed by Joy Draeger and her family: Burt and Melisa Draeger, Karleen and Dan Cowger, Bruce Draeger and Kathy, Kevin and Bryant Nordby.
Thank you for all your hard work in making our Outdoor Classroom such a fun and welcoming space for the children! We truly appreciate all the time and effort you put into creating a wonderful place for our children to learn, explore, and enjoy.

Immanuel:
Pastor and Sherry will be leaving for their trip on Tuesday! If you would like to follow along on their journey, you can pick up Pastor's itinerary in the Narthex.
We wish Pastor and Sherry safe travels and a wonderful trip! Have fun and enjoy your adventure!

Thank You:

Deacons – Nathan Zellmann | Joe Schuch
Organist – Karen Buckentin
Head Usher – Ryan Zimmerman
Assistant Head Usher-Trent Benson
Ushers – Megan Klabunde | Kara Guggisberg
Acolytes – Hunter Neubarth | Weston Schueler

Included In Our Prayers This Week

Wes & Barb Hoyhtya, Duane Becker, Dawn Wolter; Seminary Adopt-A-Student, Jeffrey Goetz & Stephen Peeler. Our Missionaries – Rev James Sharp and Rev Dr. Walter Steele and their families, and all those We name privately in our hearts.

Thank you to the Choir:
A heartfelt thank you to the Choir for singing and providing us with such beautiful music this morning.

Immanuel:
Please join us after worship today for **coffee and refreshments**, graciously served by the **Ladies Aid**.
We extend our sincere thanks to them for their hospitality and faithful service.

Announcements

German Dinner Tickets on Sale Today!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***Projection Screen Worship Service/Holy Communion/LWML
Sunday/Presentation of the Bibles to the 3rd Grade
Sermon Theme “Authority”
Matthew 21:23-37***

September 27, 2026

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**Church | Bell | Announcements
Hymns # 781, 790, 617, 643
Choir Singing**

Introit

The LORD lifts up the humble; *
he casts the wicked to the ground.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; *
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem; *
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the broken hearted *
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars; *
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; *
his understanding is beyond measure.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD lifts up the humble; *
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.