

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the

one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So, it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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.

Cemetery Notice:

All flowers and decorations must be removed from the cemetery by Labor Day.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Cemetery Board

Noah’s Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser:

The Noah’s Ark Preschool Kwik Trip Car Wash Fundraiser is now underway! Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting Noah’s Ark Preschool!

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“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

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Benediction

Closing Hymn # 850

“God of Grace and God of Glory.”

Measure of Our Stewardship

Attendance: Wednesday - August 26 – 19 | Sunday – August 30 - 94

Contributions: General-\$6,444 | Missions-\$0 | Building Fund-\$79 | Cemetery-\$100 | Noah’s Ark Preschool-\$0 | Portals of Prayers-\$0 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Plate-\$125 | Total- **\$6,748**

August Online Contributions: General-\$2,910.41 | Missions-\$65 | Building Fund-\$95 | Cemetery-\$338.25 | Noah’s Ark Preschool-\$10 | Portals of Prayers-\$5 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Total- **\$3,424**

Weekly Happenings at Immanuel

Sunday, Sept 6th

9:00 am | Worship Service/ Holy Communion
10:15 am | Adult Bible Study

Monday, Sept 7th

Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept 8th

Office Open

Harmony River/Pines Visits
6:30 pm | German Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 9th

9:00 am | Bible Class Begins
5:30 pm | Bell Choir
6:00 pm | Choir Practice
6:00-7:15 pm | Confirmation Classes Begins

Friday, Sept 11th

NO | online 100 Bible Stories

Sunday, Sept 13th

Rally Sunday

9:00 am | Worship Service
10:00 am | Sunday School Begins
10:15 am | Adult Bible Study
Pastoral Care Collections

provides snacks for school-aged children of families in need. Please see the **flyer posted on the bulletin board in the narthex** for a list of needed items. ***Thank you for helping support children in our community!***

Pastoral Care Committee Collection:

The Pastoral Care Committee will be collecting donations after the worship service on the following Sundays: **September 13, September 20 and September 27. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Pastoral Care Committee!**

🎉 **Rally Sunday – September 13, 2026** 🎉 Get ready to kick off the new Sunday School year! Join us on **Sunday, September 13th** for Rally Sunday—an exciting morning filled with **treats, games, activities**, and a chance for parents and children to **meet the teachers**.

Immanuel:

Student Tuition Scholarship Forms

Immanuel’s Student Tuition Scholarship Forms are now available on the church’s website or pick one up in the Narthex. Completed request forms must be submitted in writing to the Church Office Manager no later than September 30th. A copy of the receipt showing payment to the participating school must be submitted to the Church Office Manager no later than December 1st.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Immanuel:

Your church directories are here! You can pick yours up after worship service or stop by the church office during office hours to pick one up.

We hope you enjoy your new church directory!

More Announcements Inside

Thank You:

Deacons: Lane Miller | Matt Buckentin

Organist: Karen Buckentin

Head Usher: Trent Benson

Assistant Head Usher: Vacant

Ushers: Autumm Schuette | Savanna Sweely

Acolytes: Chelsee Telecky | Lilyanna Draeger

Included In Our Prayers This Week

Maureen Mathwig, 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.

Announcements

Newsletter Available:

We have received an updated newsletter from Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele. Copies are available on the tables in the narthex—please feel free to pick one up.

Common Cup Food Drive:

The Board of Education is asking for donations for the **Common Cup Program**, which



Introit

How great are your works, O LORD! *

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, *

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning, *

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, *

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; *

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

(Sung)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.