

Old Testament: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

Bell Choir: “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s

opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.



Celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Today we take a special moment to thank Pastor Reed for his faithful service and dedication to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have a pastor who shares God’s Word, leads us in faith, offers comfort and encouragement, and walks alongside us through life’s joys and challenges.

Pastor, thank you for the time, care, prayers, and love you give to our congregation. Your ministry makes a difference in so many lives, and we are grateful for all you do for our Immanuel family.

May God continue to bless you and your family, strengthen you in your ministry, and guide you as you continue to serve Him and His people.

Thank you, Pastor Reed, for all you do!

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” — Philippians 1:3

**Ringling of The Bell
Welcome | Announcements**

**Divine Service
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 **Opening Hymn** **#803**
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Invocation

**Confession/Absolution
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Kyrie **pg. 152 & 153**

Hymn of Praise

Salutation **pg. 156**
Collect **Bulletin**

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Bell Choir: “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

Epistle Reading

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

 **Sermon Hymn** **#830**
“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

Sermon

“Whose Image?”
Matthew 22:15-23

Apostles Creed

Collection of Offerings Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” **#955**
Prayers

Benediction

Sung: Amen, amen, amen

 **Closing Hymn** **#917**
“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

Measure of Our Stewardship:

Attendance: Sunday – October 11th – 70

Contributions: General-\$1,134 | Missions-\$21 | Building Fund-\$43 | Cemetery-\$0 | Noah's Ark Preschool-\$30 | Portals of Prayers-\$0 | Special Offerings-\$0 | Lutheran Witness-\$0 | Plate-\$101 | Total- **\$1,329**

Weekly Happenings at Immanuel

Sunday, October 18th *Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

9:00 am | Worship Service
10:00am | Sunday School
10: 15 am | Voters' Assembly/ Pastoral Care
Committee Serving Cake and Coffee
NO | Bible Class
German Dinner Tickets on sale

Tuesday, October 20th

Brownton Visits

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 am | Bible Class
1:30 pm | Afternoon Worship Service/Holy Comm.
5:30 pm | Bell Choir
6:00 pm | Choir
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | Confirmation Classe

Friday, October 23rd

9:00 am | online 100 Bible Stories

Sunday, October 25th *Reformation Sunday*

8:00 am | Bell Practice
8:30 am | Choir Practice
9:00 am | Worship Service
NO | Sunday School | **Fall Bake Sale**
NO | Bible Class
10: 30 am | German Dinner

Eve program this Christmas season. Rehearsals will begin on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and will take place after worship service. If you are interested in helping, please contact a member of the Board of Education. If you have any questions, about what goes on with the Christmas Eve Program please reach out to Anna Draeger.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help make our Christmas Eve program special!

German Dinner Tickets on Sale Today!

Tickets for Immanuel's German Dinner are still available for purchase! Don't wait—get your tickets early and join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship. **Note: Please have all donations, except desserts, delivered by 8:00 a.m. on Friday the 23rd. Thank you!**

Immanuel:

The flowers today are given by Gerald and Carol Graupmann in honor of their **60th wedding anniversary!**
Congratulations, Gerald and Carol! May God continue to bless you with many more happy years together!

Thank You:

Deacons – Jerry Zaske | Jayson Hochsprung
Organist – Karen Buckentin
Head Usher – Trent Benson
Assistant Head Usher - *Vacant*
Ushers – Isabel Korson | Addison Radke
Acolytes – Sophia Schaller | Chelsee Telecky

Included In Our Prayers This Week

Gerald Harbarth, Barb and the Family of Wes 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

Join Us After Worship!

You're invited to join us for coffee and cake in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship this morning as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday and gather for our Voters Meeting.

A big thank-you to the Ladies Aid and the Pastoral Care Committee for helping provide refreshments!

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED!

Board of Ed are looking for a coordinator to direct the children's Christmas

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service | Bell Choir

Sermon Theme: "Whose Image?"

Text: Matthew 22:15-22

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Introit

The LORD is your keeper; *

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. *

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, *

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; *

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel *

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; *

he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in *

from this time forth and forevermore.

**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 is your keeper; *

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.