

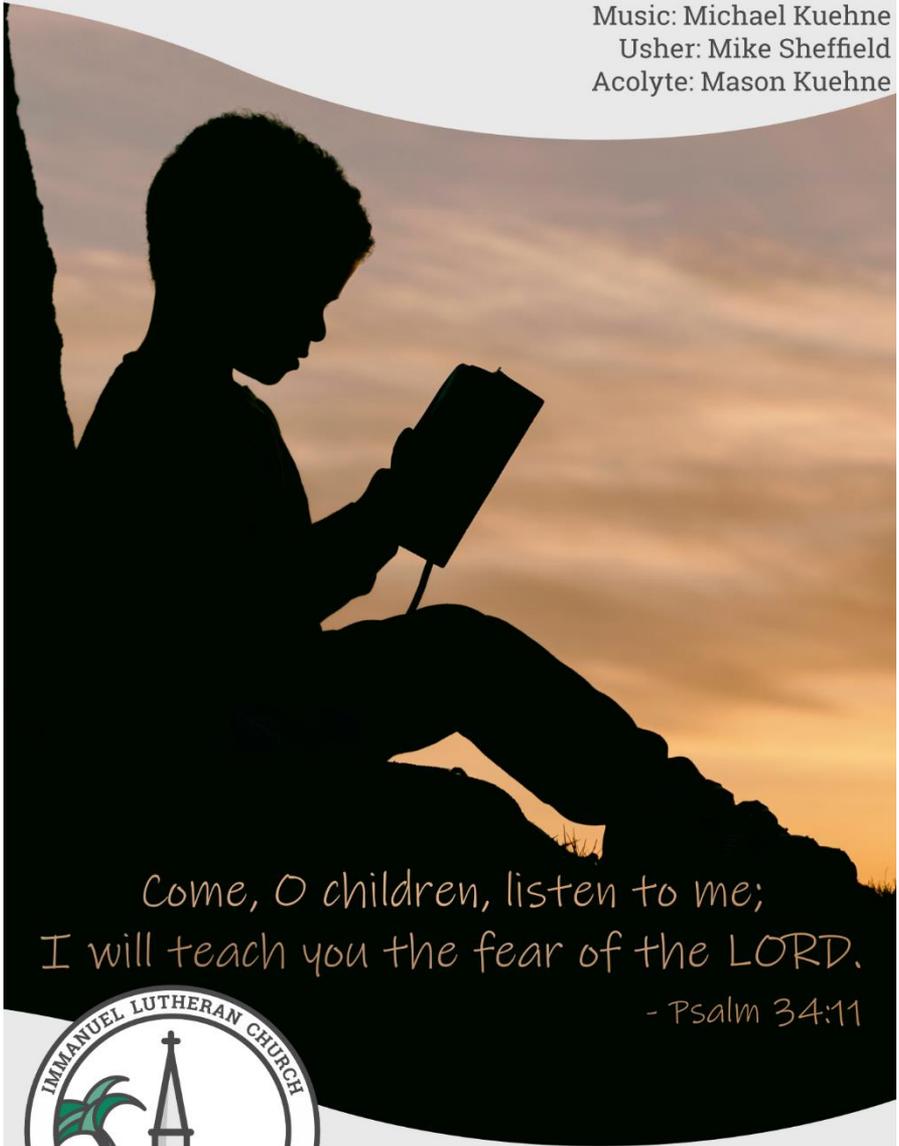
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Pentecost 13

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*Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

- Psalm 34:11



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Prov. 9:1-10

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproveth a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #294

"O Word of God Incarnate"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

G **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

G **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With

boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C **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.**

INTROIT

Ps. 111:1-5, 9-10

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

C **Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

C **Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

C **He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.**

P He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

C **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.**

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, ... “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your

fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

GOSPEL READING – John 6:51-69 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to

whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #380

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

SERMON – Psalm 34:11-22 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Learning the Fear of the LORD



- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen.

✠ Announcements ✠

ILC Tuition Fund has been set up by the voters to assist families who want to send their children to Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. As we encourage all forms of Christian Education in our midst, a good way to help promote and encourage such education is by helping out financially. It has been quite some time since our congregation has sent a student to Eau Claire, but we now anticipate representatives from our congregation being at ILC for the next 20+ years. If you are able to contribute to this fund, you may write “ILC Tuition Fund” on your envelopes or make use of the “Scholarship Fund” envelopes located in the back of church. In the future, they will be included in your envelope boxes.

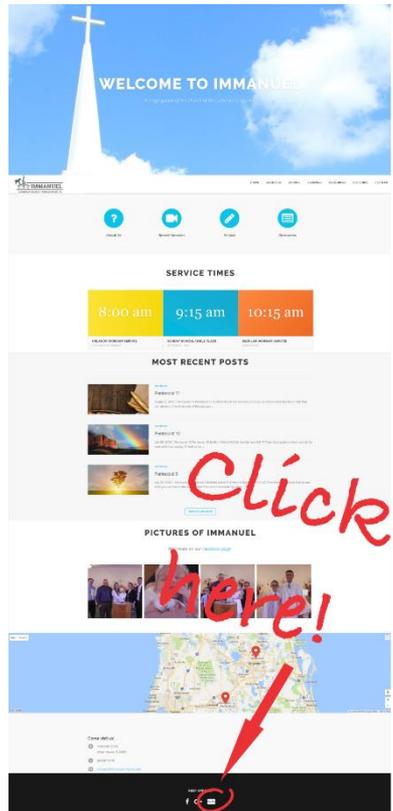
Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Aug. 26:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Aug. 26:** Back to School Party
- ✠ **Aug. 27:** ILS School Begins
- ✠ **Sept. 2:** Bible Class & Sunday School Resume

Do you shop on Amazon? You now have the option to direct 0.5% of the money spent on your Amazon purchases to be donated by the company to our church and school. To do this, the next time you plan to shop on Amazon, visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for “Immanuel Lutheran Church Winter Haven” to find us (we are listed as Immanuel *Evangelical* Lutheran Church). Select the church as your charitable organization that you will be supporting, and any purchase you make will benefit the congregation. You will still have to visit <https://smile.amazon.com> when shopping for it to work; using the regular Amazon site will not leave a donation.

CLC Call News Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called the Rev. Mark Gullerud, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle SD, and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD. Pastor Gullerud has returned the call. <> The Rev. David Baker, pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has announced his retirement from the public ministry effective Dec. 15, 2018. <> The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN.

E-Giving is now an option here at Immanuel. If you are more comfortable using electronic forms of payment than you are cash or checks, Immanuel now has a PayPal account. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com," or you can go to our church website and click the "PayPal" button at the bottom of the page for a direct link (see image to the right). If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family." Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your offerings as well as include your envelope number. I pray this service will be beneficial to our congregation.



Bible Class & Sunday School

will resume in just a few short weeks. While the church service provides us the opportunity to receive the nourishment that our souls need, Bible Class is a great way to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord. We hope to see you there!

"Man Up" Weekend

Men from CLC congregations across the country have attended the annual "Man Up!" retreat over the past two years. Join them this year, October 12-14 at Wyalusing State Park in Southwestern Wisconsin. It is a wonderful opportunity to be encouraged in your faith through the study of God's Word, in your God-given roles as men of Christ's church, and to build relationships with other men who

share your faith and the struggles of living in a sin-filled world. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in the hall. Please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (ndmayhew@att.net or 404-729-4602) or visit: www.manup.clclutheran.org if you have additional questions.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

Last Week (8/12) WH – 51 **Orlando** – 16

General = \$1484 | Building Fund = \$60 | Prop. Improvement= \$100
ILC Tuition Fund = \$600 **Total Offering = \$2,244**

Usher: Sheffield | **Acolyte (8/26):** Grant B. | **Cleaner (8/25):** Galstad

Insightful One-Liners

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

If a church wants a better pastor it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

The best mathematical equation ever:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4given.