

September 16, 2018

Education Sunday

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There are two other churches in this city now. Immanuel Lutheran was founded in 1958 by former members of Grace Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Later a number of former members of the Wisconsin Synod and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (Norwegian) joined this congregation. Immanuel is now affiliated with the Church of the

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of God's Grace

ook his theological studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., and an advanced degree from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Henry Haase, with the B.S. in education from Mankato State College in Minnesota, is principal of the school. Other teachers are: Miss Marion Fitschen, graduate of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mrs. Martin Galstad, runs the kindergarten. The school is for the children of the congregation are available to the other Christian education and who accept Lutheran doctrine for their children



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: Below

"Father Welcomes"

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - lv die to sin: Let us dai - lv

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him. Walk in the love of Christ our Lord.

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION 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.

C 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.

C 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.

C 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. 34:8-11

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

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

C Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

P Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

C The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

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



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 – Proverbs 2:1-8 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then



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you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

Day School Children

“Hymn of Celebration”

Cong. 1. You, O God, have blessed Your people all along life’s pilgrim ways. Now we gladly lift our voices, give to You our highest praise. Ever loving, ever faithful, Lord of all our yesterdays, Lord of all our yesterdays.

Child. 2. Here we gather from all nations, bonded by God’s saving grace. Here we strive to break the barriers of one’s language, class, or race. In the lives of all believers, loving Lord, we see Your face, loving Lord, we see Your face.

Cong. 3. Truth and knowledge You provide us, searching now Your Word for light. Hope You give us by Your presence, strength in sorrow’s darkest night. Fount of Guidance, Fount of Comfort, Lord of Grace and Lord of Might! Lord of Grace and Lord of Might.

Cong. 4. Lord of life, You call us onward in Your love, for all the same. In a world of need we join You, off’ring hope in Jesus’ name. Live the gospel! Grow the kingdom! Christ, Your light we will proclaim, Christ, Your light we will proclaim!

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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.

1 Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift-ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not
 dark-ness, for He is the way. Glad-ly I fol-low, my
 doubt-ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor
 fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
 shift-ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion: with Je-sus I reign.

SERMON – Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go,
 And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Train Your Children With the Lord

- I. To rely on Christ
- II. While relying on Christ

OFFERTORY

TLH #283

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☐** **♩** **God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure Throughout all generations. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN: TLH #437 “Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 🎵 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- 📖 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.**

- 📖 Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #427:1,3-5,7 “How Firm a Foundation”

✝ Announcements ✝

Thank you for coming this morning to celebrate 60 years of God’s Grace here at Immanuel Lutheran School. It was a joy to have you with us this morning, please join us again!

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Potluck and School Presentations
- ✝ **Sept. 23:** Orlando Service

We give special thanks to the Lord for all of the teachers who have served Immanuel over the past 60 years: Irma Speerschneider, Richard Kuehne, Henry Hasse, Janet Nuebert, Marlene Mack, Marion Fitschen, Kathleen Grams, Gail Kottke, Nancy Abel, Eunice Galstad, Barb Gurgel, Teri Karnitz, Peggy Kesterson, Jo Anne Weis, Kevin Hulke, Candice Ohlmann, Marie Olmanson, Ted Quade, Barry Hay, Judy Hensel, Sharon Schierenbeck, Neil Bernthal, and Megan Goodwin. The Lord has truly blessed us by sending these His servants to us, and we pray He continues to bless us over the coming years as well!

Potluck and Presentations are going to be held after the service in the fellowship hall. Please be sure to stay and join us for this fellowship hour as we continue to celebrate 60 years of blessings!

Morning Chapels from Immanuel Lutheran High School can now be listened to via podcast. If you are looking for daily nourishment

from God's Word delivered from a source you can trust, look no further! These morning chapels are available through iTunes, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone. If you are not interested in the podcast, but would still like to listen, you can also listen to these chapels each day at www.ilc.edu/2018-chapels/. The ILC Morning Chapels and Daily Bulletin are also available through an e-mail subscription service. Submit your e-mail on the ilc.edu website to receive these e-mails five mornings a week.

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.

CLC Call News Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes MI, and Rock of Ages Lutheran, Byron Center MI. <> The Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

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** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from eye surgery.

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General = \$921 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Building Fund = \$30

Total Offering = \$1,001

**September Usher: Issitt | Acolyte (9/23): Grant R.
| Cleaner (9/22): Ireland**