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Romans 8:31

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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We Worship Our God

8:00 AM Service – “My Song Is Love Unknown” *(Imm School 3rd & 4th grades)*

God’s Word for Our Hearts – Genesis 22:1-13

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Song of Trust – “If God Himself Be For Me”

(words: CW 819:1,3,4)

(sung) **If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
for when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,
what foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?**

**I build on this foundation, that Jesus and his blood
alone are my salvation, my true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases is valueless on earth;
the gifts I have from Jesus alone have priceless worth.**

**He canceled my offenses, delivered me from death;
he is the Lord who cleanses my soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, courageous on my way;
in him I am not fearful of God’s great Judgment Day.**

Message from God’s Word – Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Things I’d like to remember this week...

God IS For Us

Song of Trust – “If God Himself Be For Me”

(words: CW 819:2)

(sung) This I believe, yea rather, of this I make my boast,
that God is my dear Father, the friend who loves me most,
and that, whate’er betide me, my Savior is at hand
thro’ stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.

Offerings of Thanks

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

Psalm 145:15-16



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Our Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Following Our Prayer we join to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper

God’s Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual danger of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don’t want to see anyone’s faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied or spoken with our pastors first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

Confession; Forgiveness; Praise – “In Christ Alone”

(CW 510)

(sung) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness –
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Till on the cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

PASTOR: Father, Son and Spirit – from childhood until today – I have not always been prepared for you. The difficulties of my life have caused me to doubt. The temporary trappings of the world have drawn my attention from you. I have failed you in my thoughts, words and actions and do not deserve to be called your precious child. But, by your grace, Jesus lived a perfect life in place of my imperfect one.

CONG: By grace, Jesus paid for my sins in full. Dear Lord, cleanse me and I will be clean – wash me and I will be whiter than snow!

Dear friends, God, our heavenly Father sent a clear message to Satan...and to you – he is FOR YOU! By the perfect life and innocent death of Jesus, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child because your sins are forgiven!

(sung) **There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then BURSTING FORTH IN GLORIOUS DAY
UP FROM THE GRAVE HE ROSE AGAIN!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

Words of Institution: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." – Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always...

(sung) **No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath – Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

The Distribution – *as communion is shared, the congregation is invited to sing:*

“The Lamb” (CW 525)

“Take and Eat” (CW 676)

Our Closing Thanks – “In Christ Alone”

(sung) **His body/blood, in wine and bread, How is this so? Eyes cannot see
I trust His Word – because he said; Faith understands the mystery!
MY SINS ARE GONE, as east from west,
One with my Lord and fellow guest;
I eat and drink – I go forgiv’n – Now in the power of Christ I serve!**

God’s Word for Our Hearts – Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

God’s Blessing

Closing Song of Faith – “If God Himself Be For Me” (words: CW 819:7)

(sung) **My heart for joy is springing and can no more be sad;
my soul is filled with singing, sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit is Jesus Christ, my King;
the heav’n I shall inherit makes me rejoice and sing.**

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Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Redeemer come – I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
Oh, enter with your saving grace; show me your kind and friendly face.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame we offer to your name! (CW 305:5)

Other personal prayers may be found on pages 255-258 in the front of your blue Hymnal.



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