

IT IS
WELL
WITH MY
SOUL

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

February 1-4, 2023

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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God's Family Worships in Thanks

Our Opening Prayer and Praise

PASTOR: We make our beginning in your Name, O God –

CONG: You are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!

We trust you alone to bless us with all that we need for this week,

And to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy.

Comfort us with your clear promise that NOTHING can separate us from your love.

Give us the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil.

(tune – S. Lambrecht)

(sung) **As we begin another week, in Jesus' name your grace we seek.**

God grant that through these seven days no evil may befall our ways.

Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour on all our labors evermore.

Our hearts with your good Spirit fill, that we may gladly do your will.

Savior, we pray for the well-being of your Holy Church in all the world – and for those who serve and worship here at Immanuel;

Bless us all and accept our prayers and praise.

Merciful God, our Maker and Preserver of life –

Uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care, Amen!

(sung) **In ev'ry season, ev'ry place, may we recall your Word of grace,**

Until, when life's brief day is past, we reach eternal joy at last.

And keep us there among your blest,

ever close beside our Savior's breast.

Grant this to us through Christ, your Son,

who reigns with you upon your throne.



God's Word for Our Hearts – Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Our Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Hope – “It Is Well with My Soul

(CW 850:1-3)

Message from God's Word – Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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

What's Supposed to Happen When You Follow Jesus?

Offerings of Thanks

"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" Proverbs 11:24,25



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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.

PASTOR: Dear friends in Jesus, the Bible reminds us that we were bought at a price and now we belong to God. *(1 Corinthians 6:20)*

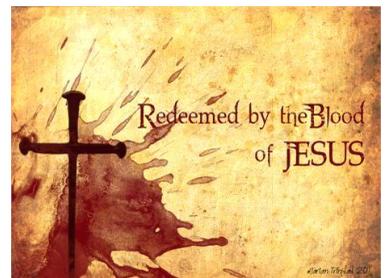
CONG: So we no longer live for ourselves. We live for Jesus who loved us and gave himself for us. *(Galatians 2:20)*

Yet we continue to struggle with our sinful natures. That natural part of us seeks to make OUR comfort, OUR happiness, and OUR agendas the priority in life. We are also influenced by a culture that is fixated on doing what FEELS good rather than doing what IS good. So, we must admit that we are not holy as God demands we be. We have failed to live for God and have not always sought to do his will. Let's confess our sins together before him who knows and sees all things...

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that my very nature is sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins, Lord, but I trust in my Savior, Jesus Christ, and I humbly pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!

(sung) **I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; (CW 798)**
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.

God, our Heavenly Father, has given you and me a real and certain hope. He sent Jesus to live on earth with without sin, in our place. He sent Jesus to pay for all our sins. With undeserved love, he has forgiven us and now comes to bring us that love again in the Word we have heard and in his Supper.



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."

(sung) **I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine.** *(CW 798)*
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; my soul he does redeem.

The Distribution – *following our musician, the congregation is invited to sing:*

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" *(CW 573)*
"Drawn to the Cross" *(CW 808)*

Our Closing Thanks

Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.

In you we truly have all that we need and more.

As we enter the world once more this week, empower us as your forgiven children to live to your glory.

May the light of your love shine in us and through us.

We praise you now and forevermore.

Amen.

God's Word for Our Hearts – 1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the

family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have
suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

God's Blessing

Closing Song – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

(CW 811:1,3)

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

Jesus, thank you for coming with such purpose to rescue me. Through your life, death,
and resurrection, I'm saved from myself and confident of life in heaven with you.
Remind me of my purpose now, this week. I want to live my thanks to you in all I do. In
your name I ask this. Amen.

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



Musician: Jason Muench

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Zimpelmann

Flowers: In celebration of Walter Pautz's 90th Birthday on Feb 7th