

# Back to the Basics: A Life of Thoughtful Witnessing

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#### Welcome to Immanuel where God is with us!



'Immanuel' is a name the Bible uses for Jesus. It means 'God is with us.' When born Christmas Day, Jesus is literally 'with us.' He lives 'with us' to save us.

Jesus is still 'with us.' We have his words, the Bible. It teaches our constant need for a Savior, reveals God's forgiveness, and guides our Christian living.

**To our guests,** we extend a warm welcome and are happy to have you worship with us! If you have questions for our pastor, please catch him after service or scan this QR code with the camera on your smart device. He is eager to assist as possible.



Our congregation offers these services should you need them:

- Copies of the sermon are on usher's cart at the back of the sanctuary.
- Bible story color sheets, also on the usher's cart.
- A nursery at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms directly behind the usher's cart, a water cooler to your left.

## **Today's Worship Focus**



Christ is the center of our worship. We follow a yearly set of readings that explores and applies the life, work, and teachings of Christ for us.

Today we celebrate **Mission work**. The color red is used, symbolizing fire. Just as fire is living and spreads, so God works through his Word to create a living faith that spreads within a person and spreads to other people.

**Prayers before service** may be found in the blue hymnal, page III & 255-258.

**Our worship service** is printed in this bulletin. Consider taking a moment to become familiar with it.

**Current Focus:** Back to the Basics

Today: A Life of Thoughtful Witnessing

An eyewitness simply retells what he has seen. You have heard and seen how God saved you. Handed his Word, we get to simply retell.

Next Week: Who Am I? Called to Live Differently

NEW SERIES- Identity seeks to uncover what makes 'you,' 'you.' God's bond to us defines who we are and how we live.

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Galatians 5:1-6, John 8:31-36

#### **OPENING HYMN #743**

"I Hear the Savior Calling" (Stand for final verse)



#### INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.** 

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all. let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### **GLORY BE TO GOD**







#### THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields far off and near, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-7

God gathers people into his family through faith. He delights in them

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. <sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup>As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. <sup>6</sup>I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 67d

A psalm that celebrates mission work and thanks God for the harvest of souls Refrain



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God, let all the peo-ple praise you.

#### Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us and make his face / shine on us—so that your ways may be / known on earth, your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God; may all the peoples / praise you.

May the nations be glad and / sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth.

#### Refrain

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.

May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

## SECOND READING Romans 10:11-17

How can people hear about the Savior? From messengers who have God's Word

<sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 52:7



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Refrain

GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

The Bible tells what Jesus has done to save. We who believe therefore speak

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### NICENE CREED

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

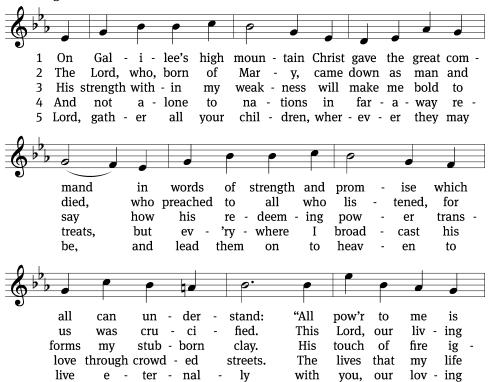
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of

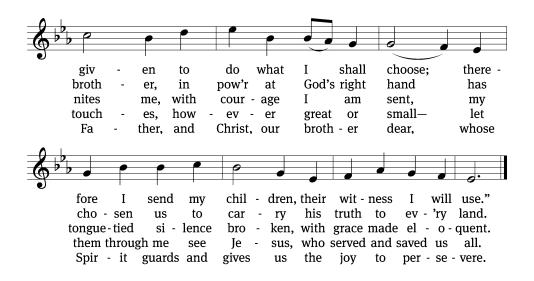
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY #742**

"On Galilee's High Mountain"





## SERMON Romans 10:11-17

## **Pedicures for Everyone!**



#### **OFFERING**

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you invite us to look out into the world and see all the people and all the challenges and urge us to meet as many as we can.

When we are overwhelmed with the needs of people, give us the urgency to go back to you in prayer, and to go forward in the strength that you give.

Encourage us to give of our time, talents and treasures to open doors to the gospel message.

Let the evidence of our concern for people, gain us an audience willing to hear what you have to say.

Heavenly Father, it is your will that everyone hear the gospel, believe it, and be saved. Send us forth as laborers into your harvest to proclaim our Savior to others.

As you open our mouths to witness Christ, open also hearts to welcome him by faith.

As Lord of the harvest, provide your church with pastors, teachers, and missionaries to lead the great force of Christian witnesses in proclaiming Christ to a dying world.

Lord, Jesus, inspire our love for lost souls with the love you have for us, which compelled you to die for our sins; to complete our salvation.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to opportunities to witness Christ, and give us a sense of urgency to work in the harvest while it is yet the day of salvation.

When one door is closed to the gospel, let us see a new one opened and gladly take that chance to speak of Christ with another person.

Triune God, watch over our mission workers wherever they serve.

Keep them faithful to the gospel.

Give them the dedication to serve their Savior and the love for souls that will not allow them to despair.

Enable them to adjust to the rigors of their work and the conditions under which they must live. Give success to their labors.

Closer to home, O Lord, we pray for these people concerning the circumstances of life in which they find themselves.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Preserve our souls and bodies, dear Lord **Amen**.

#### THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy





#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### 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.

Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

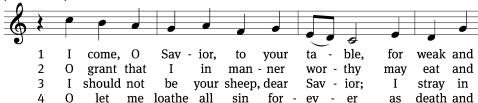


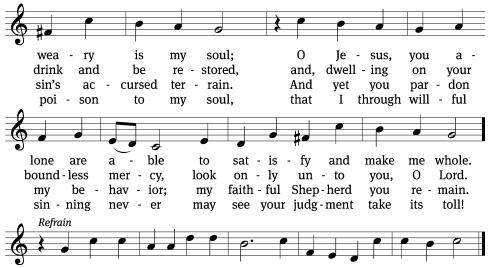


**DISTRIBUTION -** If you are visiting today we ask you to speak with our pastor before communing. Holy Communion expresses our special oneness in faith and confession, so we welcome like-minded believers from other WELS or ELS congregations. We respectfully ask other Christians to receive instruction before communing with us. If you have any question about our practice please speak to the pastor after the service. Thank you.

## **HYMN #670**

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"





Lord, may your bod-y and your blood be for my soul the high-est good.

- 5 Your holy heart has one obsession, one blessed thing it burns to do— to cleanse the sinner from transgression; so I, a sinner, come to you.

  Refrain
- 6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me, by all this weight of sin oppressed!
  Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me and feed me as your grateful guest.
  Refrain
- 7 Within me, Lord, your vision traces a heart of deep humility that mourns its sin and yet embraces the merit you have earned for me.

  Refrain

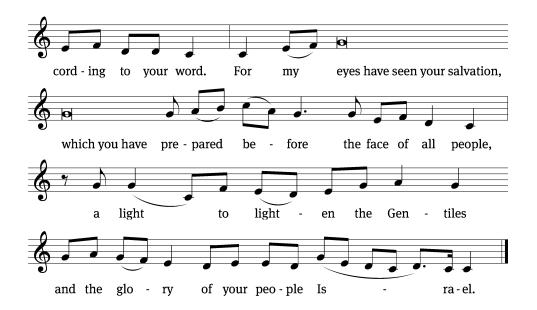
- 8 By faith I call your holy table the testament of your deep love, for by your gift I now am able to know the heart of God above.

  Refrain
- 9 This meal with blessing is abounding: to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r, to angels joy, to hell confounding, and life for me in death's dark hour.

  Refrain
- 10 My heart has now become your dwelling,
  O blessed, holy Trinity.
  With angels I, your praises telling,
  shall live in joy eternally.Refrain

## Song of Simeon (Hymn #951)





Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN #559** (Christian Worship, 1993 red hymnal)

"Lord of the Living Harvest"



## **Acknowledgments**

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday (10/19)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (with Holy Communion) Fellowship to Follow Mission Festival Presentation	
Monday (10/20)	1:00 PM 3:00-7:00 PM	Elders meeting ILC Community Blood Drive	
Wednesday (10/22)	3:45 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Bible Study	
Sunday (10/26)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 1:00-3:00 PM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship Trunk or Treat	

MISSION FESTIVAL Immanuel welcomes and thanks Pastor Ben Enstad (Pastor @ St. Paul - Green Bay & chairman of the mission board in our neighboring Northern Wisconsin District) for sharing God's Word with us this morning. Consider staying for a short time for fellowship and a brief presentation on how God works through us to reach souls. A special collection is taken to support Pastor Enstad's efforts in reaching the spiritually lost and wandering in northeast Wisconsin.

**NLHS SCRIP** Carissa Luedtke, Tracy Pawlowski, and Cassy Ewald are available to take and fill orders today. (You may place an order any Sunday, just contact one of these representatives.) ... What is SCRIP? You purchase gifts cards for everyday expenses such as gas, groceries, clothing, household items or dining out. A percentage of each gift card purchased is given to NLHS as a rebate. Questions? Need more information? Reach out to Carisa or Tracy.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** is Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-7:00p It only takes 30-45 minutes to donate and can help up to three people. Walk-ins are welcome; however, they are on a first come first served basis. Schedule a donation by calling 715-572-9833.

**LONG RANGE SURVEY FOR IMMANUEL MEMBERS** The Church Council seeks your input regarding perceived needs for facility improvements. Each Immanuel member (over age 18) received a survey in their church mailbox. Please complete and return to <u>mailbox marked 'SURVEY'</u> by October 26<sup>th</sup>. Direct questions to church president Matt Sondelski (715-573-1389) or Pastor Ewald

**FAITH COMES BY HEARING** Ladies Aid is sponsoring a project to buy "Bible Sticks" for our troops and their families, as well as, putting audio Bibles (Proclaimers) into the hands of all people. For more information about *Faith Comes by Hearing* please speak with a Ladies Aid member. Donations to this wonderful way of sharing the gospel are due by December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks out to Immanuel Ladies Aid and place them in the Ladies Aid mail box. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS** Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM as we spend several weeks wrestling with life's highest priority as discussed in *Ecclesiastes*. This Bible book, with many somber notes, peels back the 'layers of life' so that you find real focus through life's work, possessions, and responsibilities. All materials will be provided.

**TRUNK OR TREAT We need your help!** Immanuel Lutheran's Community Trunk or Treat is **Sunday, October 26**<sup>th</sup> **from 1-3pm.** In order for this to be a success, we're looking for help in a number of areas:

- Consider signing up to decorate your car and handing out candy to the youth who will attend this event. We're hoping for 350 in attendance. Need ideas for decorating? How about the Ninja Turtles or My Little Pony, or why not portray one of the Bible stories you know and love! Look at Pinterest for ideas!
- We need volunteers to direct parking, help stuff treat bags, assist with games, and help in other ways as well. Sign-up sheets are found on church bulletin board.
- We are also looking for donations of wrapped candy or monetary donations for candy to help to make sure we have enough candy for this event.

Please contact Jeff Wendorf (715.496.0059) or Pastor Ewald (715.693.2910) with any questions.

**EVANGELISM BASICS**— our time together exploring ways and receiving encouragement to share our faith <u>will not</u> meet in October (due to Mission Festival). We resume November 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am.

**ST PETER MEN'S CLUB VETERANS' NIGHT** You are invited to the St. Peter Men's Club Annual Veterans Night on November 17th starting at 5:30 pm (supper provided). This event will feature Glen Zimmerman, who served as a member of the U.S. Army in Vietnam from July 1969 through September 1970. **See the entryway bulletin board for Glen's biography.** To RSVP, please call the St Peter Church Office by November 9th.

Serving You in Worship:						
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Sunday		_				
Oct. 19, 9:00 AM	Terry Landwehr	Joy Peterson	Dean Peterson			
Sunday	_					
Oct. 26, 8:00 AM	Kevin Leder	James Leder	Tracy Pawlowski			
Sunday						
Oct. 26, 10:15 AM	William Bandell		Nicole Luedtke			

# **NORTHLAND NOTES**

**DO YOU HAVE A THRIVENT ACCOUNT?** If you have a Thrivent account you are eligible for a grant that can help Northland! We can help you every step of the way! Please contact Stacy Summers at 715-212-4610 or <a href="mailto:opportunities@nlhs.org">opportunities@nlhs.org</a>.

**DIME & DOLLAR** - Both our Wausau and WI Rapids Dime & Dollar Thrift Store locations are in need of volunteers. No amount of time is too little and with a variety of duties, you can volunteer doing something you enjoy!