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IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
November 9–12, 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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We Worship Our God of Love

10:30 am – “Praise Him, Praise Him”

(Imm Preschool)

Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Praise Him, praise Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

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Serve Him, serve Him, all you little children; God is love, God is love.

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He Will Return – Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones,



however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ “But while they

were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell

you, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Our Prayer and Honest Confession

PASTOR: Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we gather in your presence today for the clarity of your Word and for guidance in our lives. As the Last Day draws ever nearer, we are mindful of your compassion, so we come to you pleading for your grace and forgiveness.

(sung) **Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt.
Fighting and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

O, LORD, when confronted by your holiness, we must confess of ourselves:

Almighty God, I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and in my actions. I have often excused the sins in my own life. I have often tolerated sin in the lives of those I love. Dear Lord, in your great mercy you came to earth to live and die for me. I trust in you alone for FULL and FREE forgiveness... Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life – YOU are my only way to heaven!

(sung) **Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come...**

Dear Friends, God has been merciful and gracious to us. *"This is love: not that WE loved God, but that HE loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins"* (1 Jn. 4:10). Jesus' death has paid for every sin. And it's because of Jesus' promise and the right he gives to everyone who believes this that I can joyfully say to you: "All of your sins are forgiven!"

Amen!

(we pray) O LORD, forgiven and free, at peace and in joyful



thanks to you... we want to live for your glory. You promised to never leave us or forsake us.

Strengthen us now, with your powerful Word...

(sung) **Just as I am, Thou will receive, Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise – I believe, O Lamb of God I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; Thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Our Profession of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

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.

Song of Praise – “Wake Awake, for Night is flying”

(CW 486:1-2)

Lesson for My Life – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, ² for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ When people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, ⁵ for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober. ⁷ To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and

love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

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

Christians, Encourage Each Other!

- 1. To be ready***
- 2. To be different***
- 3. To be confident***

Song of Praise – “Wake Awake, for Night is flying”

(CW 486:3)

Our Thank-Offering

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10



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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.

God’s LOVING Promise – Isaiah 52:1-6

¹ Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ² “This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD’s house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. ³ Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then *I will relent* and *not inflict* on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. ⁴ Say to them, ‘This is

what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, ⁵ and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse among all the nations of the earth.' ”

God's Blessing

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority... (Jude 24-25)

May that same God bless you and keep you.

May he make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

CONG: Amen!

Our Closing Praise – “O, Church Arise”

(CW 870 - voc vs 1, cong vs2-4)

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

Gracious God, thank you for the word that I have heard today and thank you for making me ready for the Last Day by paying for all of my sins and granting me the righteousness of Jesus' perfect life. Keep me always alert, diligent, and eager to glorify you in my life, that many more people may be made ready to meet you. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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



Musician: Ann Wilson

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Bowe