

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



**Be faithful
unto death,
and I will
give you
the crown
of Life.**

Revelation 2:10

God Is Faithful
Confirmation | May 6, 2018

WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Immanuel you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

TODAY'S FOCUS: This morning ten young Christians will make their promises of lifelong faithfulness to the Lord Jesus. They will promise to trust him, serve him and make faithful use of his Word and Sacraments. They will promise to be faithful to him even unto death. And they will fail. Like the rest of us sinners they will struggle with doubt and selfishness and apathy. They will fail to be the faithful people God wants them to be. But God will not fail them. He is faithful. He will never fail to love them, sustain them, and save them. He is faithful to us all. Thanks be to God for his faithful love and saving grace!

FOR VISITORS

- **Friendship Register:** Please fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of each pew.
- **Cell Phones:** Out of respect for our Lord and your fellow worshiper, please silence your cell phone.
- **Restrooms:** The main restrooms are located in the Gathering Room near the coatrack.
- **Offering:** Please do not feel obligated to contribute when the offering plates are passed. We understand that you may want to know more about Immanuel's ministry before you support it with your gifts. However, if you are moved to give, you are welcome to do so.
- **Information:** The media counter is located in the Gathering Room. Here you will find magazines, brochures, devotional booklets and children's bulletins (printed on yellow paper).
- **Communion:** We practice *Closed Communion* at Immanuel, meaning we only commune those who are members of our congregation. Members of WELS or ELS churches in our fellowship who wish to commune are asked to speak to the pastor before the service.
- **Contact:** Our pastor and principal are always happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them (contact info on announcement page).

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 282 (*red hymnal*)

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

STAND (Responses are spoken)

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **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 myself. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;
Oh, thank him for his goodness!**

**O Jesus Christ, the only Son Of God, your heav'nly Father,
You did for all our sins atone, And your lost sheep you gather.
O Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, through the gospel you have called us to faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Through that same gospel in Word and Supper keep us faithful to him until we receive the crown of eternal life he won for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:14-18 | NIV

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day

whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

M: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:8-10 | NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

M: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30 | NIV

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade.²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell

us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

M: The Gospel of Our Lord

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN 597 (*red hymnal*)

May God the Father of Our Lord

SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

OFFERING

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION

PROMISES BY THE CONFIRMANDS

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

R: **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.**

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: **I do.**

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it.

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of Word and sacrament, and in faith and action to remain true to God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

SONG BY JUNIOR CHOIR

We Live by Faith

GUESTS: *From Biblical teaching we understand participation in Communion to be, among other things, a statement of agreement with our church's teachings. If you are not a WELS/ELS member, please refrain from communing until we have had opportunity to study together. If you would like to know more our pastor is ready to speak to you. Thank you for respecting our practice.*

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS / GRAPE JUICE: *We offer gluten-free Communion wafers to those who need them – but you must make your need known to the pastor ahead of time. The purple-colored individual cups in the center of the Communion tray contain grape juice for those unable to drink wine.*



THE SACRAMENT

STAND

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

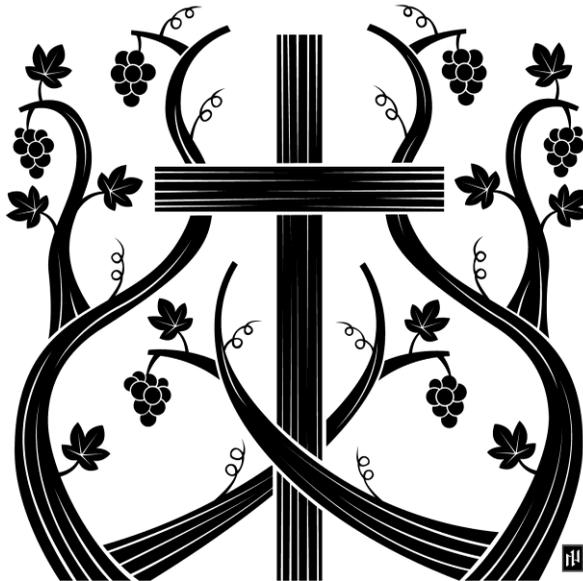
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

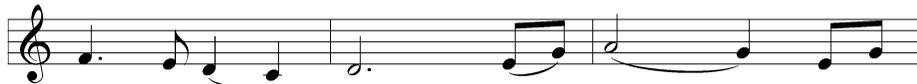
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of



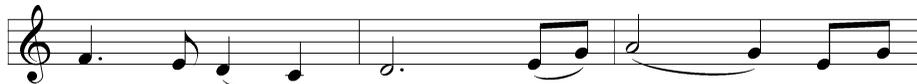
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

HYMN 311 (*red hymnal*)

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

HYMN 596 (*red hymnal*)

Let Me Be Yours Forever

STAND

THANKSGIVING

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you. Amen.

REMAIN STANDING

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

BE SEATED

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Refreshments: Steve & Kathy Groth and Paul Kluenker

Greeters: 8:00 AM – Greg & Renee Schmill

10:30 AM – Gary & Lynn Markowski