

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



Majesty and Mystery

The Festival of the Holy Trinity | May 24 & 27, 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: Our God is one in his essence and yet at the same time is three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We use the word Trinity to describe this, but we cannot explain this truth in a way that satisfies our human reason. Suffice it to say that God is bigger and smarter than us. And isn't that a comfort! That's exactly what we need – a God who is bigger and smarter than us, a God who satisfies our every need.

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 announcement sheet).
- **Contact:** Our pastor and principal are always happy to serve you. Please feel free to contact them (contact info on announcement sheet).

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN 177 (*red hymnal*)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

STAND (Congregational responses are spoken)

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the only true God, the Triune God: Father, Son and 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.

Silence for personal confession.

M: Holy God, gracious Father,

C: 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: God, our gracious Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for your guilt by his death on the cross and freed you from death by his resurrection from the grave. You are at peace with God. Live in the comfort and joy of his forgiveness.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE 241:1-3 (*red hymnal*)

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.**

**To him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise
Whose hand sustains creation.**

**Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy. Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.**

**He bought the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that blessed flood
And as his bride selected.**

**Holy, Holy Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending.**

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.**

**The saving faith in us he wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us his chosen nation.**

**Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8 | NIV

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-17 | NIV

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17 | NIV

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and

we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

BE SEATED

HYMN 195 (*red hymnal*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

SERMON

Thursday: Three Little Words (2 Corinthians 13:14)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Sunday: The Awesome Mystery of the True, Triune, Saving God (Isaiah 6:1-8)

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE ATHANASIAN CREED

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

The section of the Athanasian Creed included here is the portion that confesses the Bible's teaching about the Triune God. This portion serves as a very fitting confession of faith for Trinity Sunday. A translation of the entire text of the Athanasian Creed may be found on pages 132-133 in Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal.

M: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

M: Now this is the true Christian faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,

C: Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

M: For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,

C: equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

M: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

C: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

M: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

M: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

M: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

M: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one God worshipped as three persons.

C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

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

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 24th

ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL DAVID WILSON

Class Verse: Deuteronomy 31:8

DIPLOMAS

Kindergarten Graduates: Arielle Birkholz, Isabella Carlson, Ethan Liermann, Peyton Ott, Isaiah Schwarz, Caleb Siebold, Ava Wetenkamp

Eighth Grade Graduates: Abbygail Bachmann, Brayden Barbier, Ryan Dewane, Amelie Doneff, Monraye Ermis, Cameron Grasee, Emma Kracht, Malcolm Krizizke, Madeline Oswald, Elijah Ratajczyk, Bailey Seal, Mary Siedschlag, Josie Sims, Grace Zander

GRADES K-8

Go Forth

STAND

PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES

LORD'S PRAYER

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: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN 382 (*red hymnal*)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
This is the 8th grade class hymn.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN 194 (*red hymnal*)

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise may continue to glorify you in the world; that the ears which have heard you speak may be open always to your Word and closed to hatred and discord; that the tongues which have confessed your name may always speak the truth without fear; that all of us who have worshiped together today may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.

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: **Amen.**

REMAIN STANDING

HYMN 241:4 (*red hymnal*)

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be his name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore And sing his praises more and more
For all his grace and favor.
Singing, Ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy. Spread the story
Of our God the Lord of glory!**

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Presiding Minister (Thu): Pastor Daniel Sims

Presiding Minister (Sun): Pastor Robert Johannes

Organist: Joel Putz

Flowers: Phil & Nan Groll in celebration of their 48th anniversary

Refreshments: Bob & Shirley Blattler and Ardis Haag

Greeters: 8:00 AM – Jason & Amy Muench

10:30 AM – Ron & Toni Nicklaus