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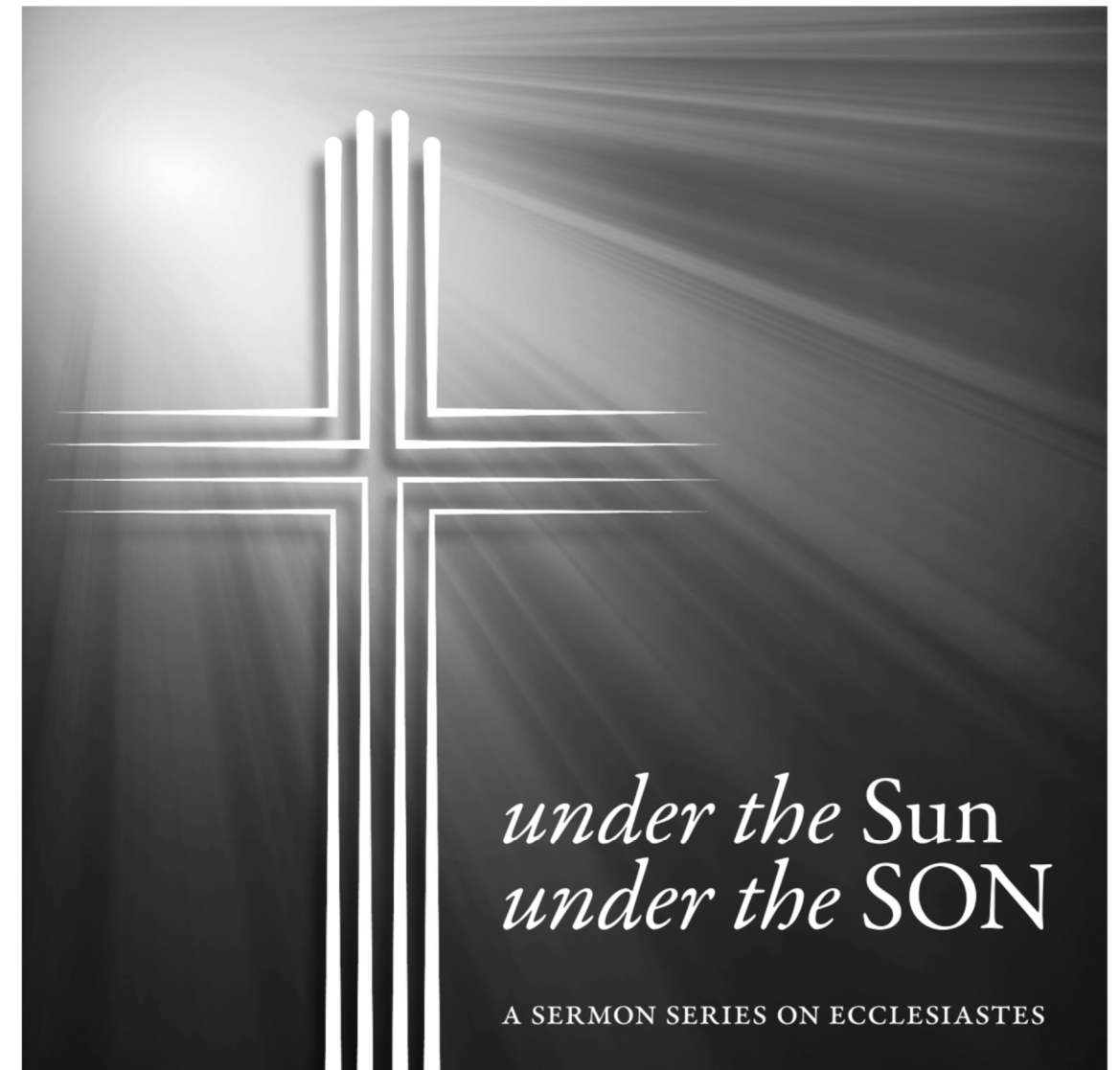
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May 5, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children’s Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we’ll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we’ll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

NOTES

Who We Seek to Be

Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:

Joyful worship

centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word

Resolute fellowship in Christ

made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us

Transformative learning

for all ages toward full maturity in Christ

Loving service

to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus

Spirited mission

to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *O filii et filiae*

Held

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AMBER JOHNSON

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor:Let us worship God. “He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, whom we trust.”

People:Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

Pastor:“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

All:Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshipping him in spirit and in truth.

Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

* INVOCATION



Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seat belt for a wild adventure through the forest, where we'll also find snapshots of real -life encounters with Jesus. We hope your child can join us as we learn about how the Bible was written so that we could know Jesus as our Savior, and by believing, have life in his name!

VBS Planning Team: Annika Durbin (annikadurbin@gmail.com)
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AGES: Children entering 1st through 6th grade
REGISTER: www.immanuelpresbyterian.net/vbs

IPC PARENTS:

Please register your child online. SAVE TIME: On the website you'll find a link to the medical release form. Print the form, fill it out at home, and bring it along with your payment on the first morning of VBS to help speed up the Monday registration lines! (Annika will also have printed release forms available at the Children's Ministry Station on Sundays during May and June.)

Children entering 1st grade through 6th grade are welcome to attend VBS! *Please register your child under the grade they will be in NEXT fall.*

Registration cost for the week is \$10 per child, \$30 max per family. Scholarships are available; please speak with Annika Durbin if this would help your family.

Encourage your children to invite their friends! We have flyers available in the Gathering Place if you want to take a few to share.

IPC Preschoolers are welcome. Please speak to Annika if you have children who are younger than 1st who would like to attend VBS.

VOLUNTEERS: As always, it takes an army of volunteers to make VBS happen! Below is a list of all the areas we still need help this summer. Please look over the list and see where you may be able and willing to serve. Please contact Annika Durbin or Katherine Anderson if you would like to join us!

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| Crew Leaders (still need 7-8 adults) | Nurse on site |
| Craft Station Leader (1) | Set-up Crew (Sunday before VBS) |
| Adult Games Leader (1) | Clean-Up Crew (Friday after VBS) |
| Teen Assistants (7 th -12 th grade) | Decorations/Set Design |
| Nursery Care (for children of volunteers only) | Volunteer Refreshments |

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Those who encountered the true and living God in Scripture were overwhelmed with a sense of his majesty and glory, and their own sinfulness. As we encounter the true and living God today, let us together ask for his forgiveness as we consider his character in light of our own.

Leader: Holy and strong One,

People: Forgive our weakness.

Leader: Holy and Wise One,

People: Forgive our foolishness.

Leader: Holy and loving One,

People: Forgive our hardness.

Leader: Holy and generous One,

People: Forgive our selfishness.

Leader: Holy and faithful One,

People: Forgive our fickleness.

Leader: Holy and gentle One,

People: Forgive our toughness.

All: Forgive us, Holy One, forgive.

Adapted from The Open Gate

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Franz Schubert

(Music can be found on p. 20 of communion booklet.)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

ADULT EDUCATION
SESSION 5 (Apr. 7—May 19)

The Gospel of Mark: Study, Meditation and Prayer

Jim Wilhoit, Andy LePeau
Ministry House

In this class we'll look at several key episodes in Mark through inductive Bible Study (working at tables to mark the text and discuss what we've found). Then as a class we'll meditate on the story we just studied, and finally we'll pray through the passage. The class is an experiment in providing an opportunity for us to wrestle with the text and interact with it in a very personal way as well.

Andy Le Peau is a founding elder of Immanuel and was for many years the editorial director at InterVarsity Press. He still writes and edits, most recently publishing Mark Through Old Testament Eyes. But he feels he is best known as Phyllis Le Peau's trophy husband.

Jim Wilhoit began attending Immanuel on Pastor George's first Sunday. Jim feels he is best known for being married to the chair of the Social Team. In May he will retire from Wheaton College where he has taught for thirty-eight years.

Agreeing to Disagree: Christianity and Other Religions in Dialogue

Kent Richter
Sanctuary

Studying the ideas and practices of other religions, we can look at how they share elements with Christian belief and practice while also clarifying differences that make for important disagreements. We can study Hinduism, different kinds of Buddhism, Islam and Sikhism, as well as other religions that interest you. Hopefully, we can take the ideas and implications of other religions seriously for their philosophical and moral implications, while we understand the uniqueness and necessity of Christian faith.

Kent Richter is Professor of Philosophy and World Religions at the College of DuPage for 26 years, regular attendee at IPC for just as long. Been busy in choir and committees here and there, but mostly these days with the Food Pantry, being married to Renee, pantry coordinator.

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead and buried;
He descended into hell,
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* universal

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

KATRINA DICRASTO

DIACONAL PRAYER

HEATHER REYES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.**

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please stand for the reading of God’s Word.)

READERS: ANNE AND MICHAEL OSIELSKI

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 11:7- 10*

⁷ Light is sweet,
and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.
⁸ However many years anyone may live,
let them enjoy them all.
But let them remember the days of darkness,
for there will be many.
Everything to come is meaningless.
⁹ You who are young, be happy while you are young,
and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.
Follow the ways of your heart
and whatever your eyes see,
but know that for all these things
God will bring you into judgment.
¹⁰ So then, banish anxiety from your heart
and cast off the troubles of your body,
for youth and vigor are meaningless. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 4:4 - 7*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SCOTS’ FORM OF COMMUNION

The early Scottish Presbyterians felt strongly that their manner of celebrating the Lord’s Supper should clearly symbolize the truth that the Risen Christ is host to his redeemed people at this covenant meal. Samuel Rutherford wrote that “they should sit, as banqueters, at one table with our King, and eat and drink.” Abraham Kuyper expressed his opinion that the Lord’s Supper should be eaten from a table, saying, “Jesus spreads a feast for his friends and as a King invites his people to his table.”

We use this form largely for the same reasons expressed by our Presbyterian predecessors and also have discovered reasons in our own experience to value this observance of the Sacrament. The form demands a little more from us than the tradition of being served at our places in the congregation. As we overcome our nervousness about going forward we find that the very act impresses upon us the reality of our personal response to our Lord’s invitation to receive his grace. Sitting with others at his table, singing and watching others go forward impresses upon us the reality of our fellowship and the joy of seeing others meet our Lord in his love.

NOTICE TO FAMILIES: In accord with our practice of the Lord’s Supper, children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ to the elders are asked to refrain from partaking in communion. We desire that such children look forward gladly to the day when they take their first communion as a significant step in their spiritual growth. In the meantime, we want to provide ways they may grow to understand the meaning of the sacrament and also feel that though young, they are significant persons in the covenant family of God. So we invite those children to come forward to the Table and be seated with their parents. The elder who serves the elements to the parents will briefly offer prayer for the child. So that the elders may know which children to pray for in this way, we suggest that the children not taking communion *fold their hands on the Table*. We hope this custom will encourage parents as they help their children grow in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord” and prepare for the time when they are ready to profess Christ and take communion.

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

* HYMN: *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Matt Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, — He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast. —
Brought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



— He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so,



He will hold me fast.

MEDITATION: *Being Content with the Big Picture*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please approach the tables from the center aisles, and we ask that you return to your seats on the outside aisles.

If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated. Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.

If you would like to be seated at the lower tables, just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.

Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the balcony. Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.

During Communion, Steve and Cindy Bretsen will be available on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing	page 5
What Grace Is Mine	page 42
I See You Hanging There	page 26
Jesus Lives and So Shall I	page 28
Jesus Paid It All	page 30
Jesus, Messiah	page 29

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- * CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*
 - * BENEDICTION
 - * POSTLUDE
- HYMN 460
(first and last verses)

TODAY

The rosebud this morning welcomes Della Joy Scheidt, born to Scott and Anna (and Ruby) on Monday.

Many congratulations, and prayer support, to our 2019 college and grad school graduates: Wyatt Anderson, Abigail Beerwart, Katrina DiCrasto, Christina Garrison, Nathaniel Holman, Audrey Johnson, Sarah Shaffer, Ted Townsend, Julianne van Wyk, Julia LaPlaca (M.A.), and Cooper Smith (Ph.D.).

On Communion Sundays we receive a **Deacons’ Fund offering** for meeting needs in our church and community. If you are writing a check, write “Deacons’ Fund” on the memo line. It is not necessary to put your check into a Deacons’ Fund envelope.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Dan Balzer is available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Katrina DiCrasto, Kent Richter, Vic Mala, Mike Dietrich

11:10 a.m.	Sunday school and Adult Education
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Youth Group garden project. Adult helpers welcome!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study <i>(childcare)</i>
	11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Coming: May 18, Church workday *(9:00 to noon)*
May 25, Prime Timers
May 26, Sunday school picnic *(Bring chairs and/or blankets for your family.)*
June 24-28, VBS