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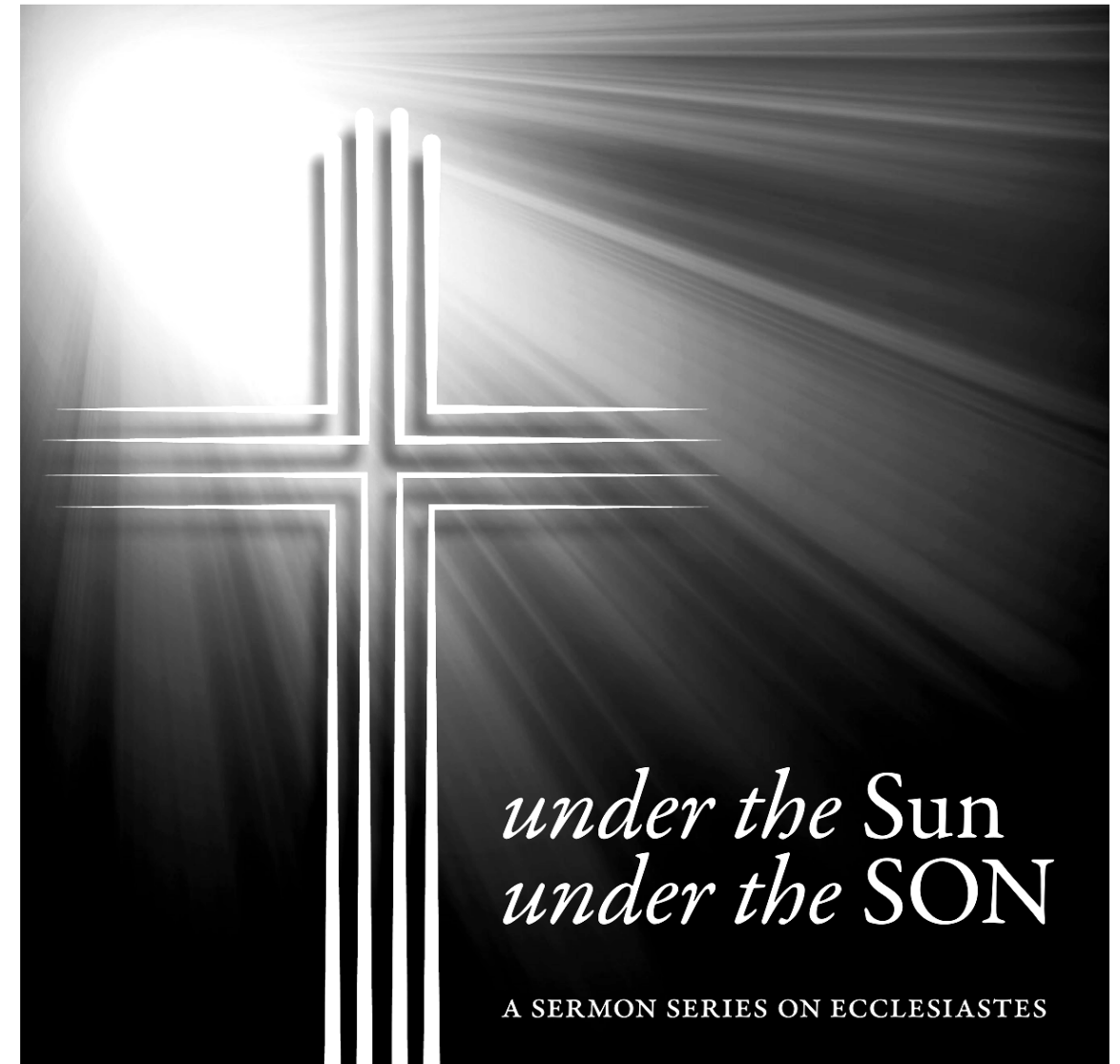
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## Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope you will find a warm welcome and 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.

Who We Seek to Be

*In our love for Christ and guided by God’s Word we seek to be a community of*

**Joyful Worship**, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

**Loving Fellowship**, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

**Enthusiastic Service**, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Neo-Classique*  
*Thanks to God for My Redeemer*

Hayes  
Hultman/Sanborn

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *O Send Out Your Light*

Callahan  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord;

All: Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice!

Pastor: Our hearts rejoice in God our Savior.

All: His mercy is sure, his name is holy. With full joy we now sing  
our Redeemer’s praise!

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*(women sing verse 2, men sing verse 3)*

HYMN 53

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEW LUTTRELL

**All: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.**

**Leader:** People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

SONG OF CONFESSION: *God, Be Merciful to Me (verse 1)*

HYMN 486

**All: God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. *(1 Peter 2:9)*

\* ACCLAMATION

**All: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Amen.**

\* 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.)*

ADULT EDUCATION

SESSION 2 (November 4 - December 16)

World Christian History through Biographies

Sanctuary

This class uses biographies to highlight the great shift in world Christianity from a predominately Western to a majority non-Western faith. Each week includes a capsule account of major Christian developments in a specific region of the world. But the main emphasis will be on exploring the biographies of exemplary, but little known believers, from that part of the world.

**Carolyn Nystrom** spent much of her career as a working writer and some-time editor. "A career highlight was working with Mark and Maggie as we studied together the lives of the little-known Christian leaders who are the subject of this class." **Mark Noll** is a retired history professor who has been privileged to teach courses in the history of world Christianity at Wheaton College, the University of Notre Dame, and Regent College (Vancouver).

Living as a Christian in the Modern World

Ministry House

Our world is increasingly dominated by new technologies that are transforming communications, decision making, transportation and health care. How should Christians respond to these new technologies? What implications do increasingly capable machines have for humans created in the image of God? Our class will discuss a different question each week, exploring biblical principles and historical parallels and asking how we can be a Christian witness in our world. Knowledgeable guests with a moderator in panel discussion will address these questions.

**Ron Netzel** (Wheaton College, University of Illinois) works as a technology architect for Bank of America, where he has helped run and build technology for over 20 years. He and Dee have a daughter, Sophie. Dee and Sophie help Ron think creatively about what it means to live as a Christian in our world and how we can take our faith to a new world that, though radically different than our parent’s world, is no less in need of a Savior.

El Evangelio de Juan

Annette’s office (upstairs)

El Evangelio de Juan ha enriquecido la vida de los cristianos y cristianas a través de los siglos. Por ello, aquí proveemos una introducción a las secciones mayores y los temas y figuras más prominentes de cada capítulo. Reflexionaremos sobre las implicaciones del mensaje de este Evangelio para nuestra vida personal y comunitaria.

For this introduction to the Gospel of John in Spanish we welcome those with even a basic knowledge of the language. We will read the text, paying attention to the main characters and theological themes, discussing implications of the message of the Gospel to contemporary life.

**Carlos Sosa Siliezar** was born and raised in Guatemala, Central America, and currently teaches New Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Gaby, are recent new members of Immanuel. They have two sons, Scott and Daniel.

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Dan Balzer will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, and Immanuel choir

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
3:00 p.m.	Baby shower for Jenna Wall Beuttler (Ministry House)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	College Fellowship at Bretsens', 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton.
No Youth Group	

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (childcare)
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 p. m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs (downstairs)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Book Study (Pastor's office)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	PrimeTimers (Sign up today.)

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:00 a.m. **Prime Timers “This Is My Story.”** PrimeTimers is a place for those over 60 to celebrate old friendships and create new ones! This time we will hear Carolyn Nystrom and Marilyn Spradley tell their “stories.” Sign up today.

**From the Finance Committee** – In October, we gave \$44,723, which was 99% of the \$45,000 giving target for the church’s operating expenses. For the first ten months of the year, the giving target was \$524,000, and we gave \$549,056 or just under 105% of the target.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Plan to come to this festive service, starting at 7 p.m., and give thanks along with our brothers and sisters from La Iglesia Roca Eterna. The offering received will go to Immanuel’s missionaries as a Christmas love gift.

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Teach Me, O Lord*

David Hurd  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Teach me, O Lord the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.	Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; Give me life in your ways.
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Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.	Fulfill your promise to your servant, Which you make to those who fear you.
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Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.	Behold, I long for your commandments; In your righteousness preserve my life.
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Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.

\* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3 to second grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your  
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

4  
Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;— shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes; in the  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7  
fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your

10  
seen to day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

13  
Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your  
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the

15  
pur - pos - es for Your glò - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: LEON AND MARILYN SINCLAIR

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 5:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup> Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> Do not be quick with your mouth,  
do not be hasty in your heart  
to utter anything before God.  
God is in heaven  
and you are on earth,  
so let your words be few.
- <sup>3</sup> A dream comes when there are many cares,  
and many words mark the speech of a fool.
- <sup>4</sup> When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. <sup>6</sup> Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 12:33-36*

- <sup>33</sup> "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. <sup>35</sup> A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *The Impact of Restrained Speech*

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God*

HYMN 589

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE