



March 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



In the name of + Jesus. Amen.

If you look in the back of the bulletin every Sunday morning, you'll find that we have a page for sermon notes. It's something I added a few years ago with my first confirmation class as a way to get the confirmands to really pay attention to what God's Word was saying to them. Each confirmand is given the assignment of turning into me a total of 30 sermon notes over the course of two years. A very gracious amount for the allotted amount of time. It is also a requirement, from me, for them to pass confirmation as it is a tangible way for me to check their spiritual growth. Some are very good at turning the notes in and others, well, grace is plentiful.

But there is another reason for this added page in the bulletin. In St. Paul's second epistle to Timothy, we find these words, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth." (2 Timothy 2:15). You see, listening to, and studying God's Word is important for our growth as Christians and for understanding the Gospel that is for us. To learn God's Word brings us to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. This is where sermon notes help.

In our bulletin you find a few bullet points, two being that of Law and Gospel. I discuss repeatedly with the confirmands what scriptures means in Law and Gospel. They learn the uses of the law, particularly that of the law being a mirror, which shows us our sin. Not to brow beat us and make us feel like we are trash unworthy of God's grace, but rather to bring us to the death of the sin that is in all of us. Or to put it differently, the law simply kills the old Adam that we are born with and that rears its head daily.

How then do we know if what we are reading is law? Well, a couple of questions are important to ask. First, is it commanded by God? The Ten Commandments are a great example of this. They are the laws of God commanded for us so that our sin may be uncovered and put to death. This is why we pay attention and listen when God says, "Thou shalt not...". Second, does the passage of scripture reveal sinfulness, particularly as it applies to us? Or, again, does it show us our sin? It should for we are all sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God.

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In brief then, the law is God's commands that show us our sin and then kills the old Adam in us. Which leaves the question then, if the law kills, what does the Gospel do? Ah, now that is a great question.

You see, where the law shows us our sin and kills, the Gospel shows the forgiveness of our sin and gives us life. The Gospel is about God coming to earth and dying on the cross as the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.' On the cross, the law was fulfilled in Christ, and the sin that our Lord carried to Calvary was then put to death for all the world. "Tetelestai", "It is finished!" On the cross what was dead was made alive again. The curse of sin was reversed, and new life sprung forth as the old Adam became new with God's breathing into His people that life of the Life of the World.

All this brings us back to sermon notes. See, the truth is, that section in the bulletin for sermon notes, are not really just for confirmands but rather for all of us. I grew up in a church where I took a lot of notes during the sermon. It helped my study and understanding of God's Word tremendously. I encourage you to consider it as well.

Listen intently to what the pastor preaches on Sunday morning. Ask the questions: where is the Law? Where is the Gospel? Every sermon should have both. Sometimes it may be a little heavier on the Law, usually the law is lighter, but the Gospel should always prevail. This goes for any sermon in any church. If you attend a church service (to include weddings and funerals) and you do not hear a sermon with both law and gospel in it, but rather a "feel good" ted talk kind of message, then I pray that you will find yourself quickly seeking out a church where the Word of God is rightly taught (with both Law and Gospel), preached, and confessed; and the Holy Sacraments rightly administered whether it be Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, etc.

Also, if you are in church, viewing livestream, or listening on the radio or watching on the television, and you do not hear Law or Gospel, or maybe don't understand where it is, ask your pastor about it as it is part of His call to be God's under-shepherd to His flock to make those things clear. In doing so, you will be able to grow in your

Christian faith and life and will come to a better understanding of who God is and of His great love for you.

Growth will come, not because I say it, but because God promises that you will be as one approved, rightly handling the Word of Truth. And you'll find your faith strengthened in such a way that the armor of God will not seem so heavy as you discern and defend against the arrows and attacks of the devil and his demons.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we continue our journey to the cross and empty tomb this Lenten season, come to church if you are able. View it on livestream if you are not. Open your Bibles and, if you haven't already, develop a quiet time with God every day to read His Word, study what you have read, to pray and to listen. If you need help, let pastor know. Also know, that in studying, and listening, it's okay to take notes and ask questions. Then, go, (another command of God, but not a law one), and share with others what you have heard, seen, and learned. Or to put it differently, go and tell others what you believe and confess about Jesus.

What if you try and fail? What if you study and still don't understand? What if you feel unworthy to even talk to God about all the things you've done? Know this my friend, God's grace is still sufficient for you. It still forgives and makes new all that is old. God's grace takes that failure, those fears, and them doubts and replaces them with love, forgiveness, and life eternal. For you are loved, worthy, and made new in Christ who came and died for you.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of truth." Amen.

In Christ's Service and Yours,
Pastor David

Church Council Corner

ISO (In Search Of...)

A few weeks ago, the Epistle lesson from 1 Corinthians 12 highlighted that we all have different gifts and talents but are members of the one body of Christ. Here at the body Christ named Immanuel we

need your gifts and talents to support the work of sharing the Gospel. Please check the list below of some current needs and contact the name provided if you are able to help.

ISO - Live Stream Coordinator – Immanuel's live stream ministry is in place and has been well received. Our members and shut-ins appreciate being able to view the service remotely. The live stream is also an opportunity to reach those who are searching for a church home or in search of the Gospel. A live stream coordinator is needed to oversee the setup, to trouble shoot any problems with the camera and cable and to work with our video and cable vendors as needed. There is currently a great team of camera operators who serve about once a month. They need someone to coordinate substitutes and special events (such as funerals). Other people are welcome to join the camera operating team at any time. *Contact Janice Isenberg at 410-310-0315 (text) or jaisenberg77@gmail.com (email).*

The Board of Education is looking for help for the positions listed below.

Contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735 (text or call) or Renencraig@yahoo.com (email)

ISO - Sunday School Teacher – once a month. If you have a heart for sharing Jesus with children without the weekly commitment, this is the place for you.

ISO- Substitute Teacher for Kids Worship – help the children understand the once weekly Bible lessons. This happens downstairs during the Sermon. Contact Rene.

ISO- Bible Study leaders – Adults needed to start up studies. Morning or Evening study or other times – What works for you? Want to work together with someone? Great study books are available with a wide variety of topics. Contact Rene to get started.

ISO – Groups and Families to sponsor the weekly breakfast – would you like to see the return of the breakfast between Sunday School and the church service? This event needs families and groups to bring food and drinks each week. If you can help, contact Rene.

Lynn Short
Church Council Secretary

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Sunday School News

The children's Sunday School lesson this first week of March the 6th is "A Trusting Widow." Jesus sits in the temple, observing people depositing money into the offering box. But one offering stands out: a widow brings two small copper coins. Jesus commends this offering to His disciples because He knows her offering is everything she has to live on.

On March 13th students will study "Forever Food." Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover for Himself and the others. They follow a man carrying water to a home with a furnished upper room, where they prepare the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus institutes what we now call the Lord's Supper. Through the bread and wine, Jesus lovingly gives them, and us, His very body and blood.

The week of March 20th, students will study "Betrayed and Arrested." Knowing His final hours are drawing close, Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James, and John deeper into the garden, Jesus goes off alone three times to pray. His prayer reflects His willingness to fulfill the Father's plan despite the suffering that lies ahead. The armed mob arrives to arrest Jesus, whom Judas betrays with a kiss. Peter brashly tries to defend Jesus with a sword but only manages to injure the high priest's servant. Jesus allows Himself to be taken by the armed mob to fulfill the Scripture.

The last week of March will be a study called "Standing Trial." Jesus faces a farce of a trial before the high priest and the Council. Despite a parade of accusers, no two witnesses can manage to make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, "Are you the Christ?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus' response, "I am (v. 62), enrages the high priest, who tears his clothing. Meanwhile, Peter faces his challengers in the courtyard. When bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus three times, just as was foretold.





Fellow Redeemed,

This year, our theme for Lent is:

WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s

because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

During Lent we will cover as many of these as we can during our Sunday morning services. If there are some we do not cover (like Vigi of Easter) because there is no church on that particular day, then I encourage you to read the text listed next column

God bless you!

Pastor David



Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

Ash Wednesday: *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

First week of Lent 1:
Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11

Second week of Lent 2:
Malchus, John 18:1–11

Third week of Lent 3: *Peter*, John 18:12–27

Fourth week of Lent 4:
Barabbas, John 18:33–40

Fifth week of Lent 5:
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

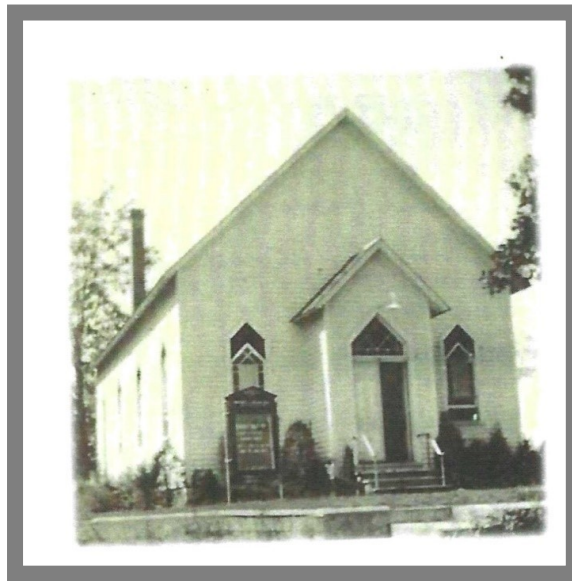
Maundy (Holy) Thursday: *Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

The Vigil of Easter: *Nicodemus*, John 19:38–42

The Resurrection of Our Lord: *Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

Also read, “the bread of life” (John 6:35); “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25); and “the way, and



Did you know?

The photo above is the original Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Preston. Ever wonder how a church happens to build in a certain area? We have the answers for Immanuel and will write about its' progression as each time period begins.

In the beginning, from 1890 on, many German Lutherans left Europe to come to the United States, looking for a better life for themselves and their families. When they relocated to Maryland, many were farmers and hired themselves out to farmers in this area until they saved enough to buy farms of their own. Even though the German farmers in Preston became American citizens, they spoke German, had Bibles that were printed in the German language, a German hymnbook and had a German speaking school for their children. This did not change until around World War I.

They had to travel to Baltimore as much as they could in order to take Communion, have weddings, children baptized, etc. which only happened a few times a year. We are so used to traveling on the Bay Bridge to drive to the western shore, can you imagine what it was like for the Lutherans to travel to Baltimore, and the ministers driving down to Preston just for a church service?

Not knowing what the finances were for both clergy and the farm families, many took their horse and buggy and went around the tip of the Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore. This was not a trip they could make in one day, as most horses were driven about eight hours a day. Don't forget – a

horse and buggy ride did not go as fast as our cars today!

Researching travel between Baltimore and the Eastern Shore around 1813, the first steamship traveled the bay with passengers in a much shorter time than traveling around the tip of the bay. Someone would have to take the families to the port and someone would have to pick them up on arrival to the Baltimore port. Again, the same had to happen for their return home.

By the 1880's, railroads began to link with the eastern shore by way of Philadelphia; changing trains for the shore or Baltimore, depending on the destination. Eventually, you could ride the train from Wilmington to Cape Charles, stopping off at various stations.

There finally came a time when there were enough Lutherans in Caroline County that Reverend Timotheus Stiemke, of Immanuel congregation in Baltimore, came down a few times a year to hold services in the home of August Gadow of Preston.

Our church's beginning gained momentum when two other missionaries, the Reverend W. Dallman of Emmanuel congregation in Baltimore and Reverend George Thomas made visits to the Preston area. Rev. Thomas became Immanuel's first pastor on July 26, 1896.

God bless our forefathers for making Immanuel a reality and God bless Immanuel!



Leonard L. Slyter of Preston died at his home on Thursday, January 27, 2022. He was 88.

Leonard was born November 13, 1933 in Fontana, Kansas, the son of Elmer and Anna Rodewald Slyter and grew up on a farm near Paola, Kansas. At Paola High School he excelled in sports and earned the nickname "Bambi" because of his speed on the track. He graduated from Kansas State University and then served two years in the U.S. Army. Part of his service was spent in Germany where he purchased his first car, a VW Beetle. Following his release from active duty he returned to his studies, first at the University of Missouri and then receiving his doctorate in animal nutrition from North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

After two years of post-graduate studies at the University of Illinois Leonard worked as a microbiologist focusing on ruminant nutrition at

the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Maryland. He retired in 1997 and moved to Preston to return to his farming roots with his wife, Dolores Reifel Slyter.

Leonard served as an active volunteer at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston. He also served in various positions during his membership at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt, Maryland, where he and Dolores resided for 30 years.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, Susan Slyter of Preston and Sandra Szilasi, her husband, William and son William (Billy) of Holmdel, New Jersey. He also is survived by one sister, Lois Moore and her husband Ted of Paola, Kansas. His siblings Damon, Ray and Maxine preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday February 2, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston, with a viewing prior to the service.

Burial was private.

Expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church 242 Main Street, Preston, MD 21655.

Arrangements were by Frampton Funeral Home, Federalsburg, MD.





Garrett Johansen	3/1	Katie Parmer	3/21	Windsor & Peggy Meyer, Sr.	3/9
Jamie Johansen	3/2	Lindsie James	3/23	Corliss & Gary Wright	3/12
William Frase, Jr.	3/3	Michael Jantz, Jr.	3/23	Warren & Mary Ann Frase	3/22
Janellen Lewis	3/5	Billy Greenage, Jr.	3/24	Hugh & Joanne Smith	3/24
Karen Lyons	3/5	Jessica Gullion	3/24		
Sharon Gutz	3/6	Jeffery Rosebrock	3/24		
Jackie Nichols	3/7	Donna Collins	3/25		
Deborah Clendaniel	3/8	Hayden Plutschak	3/25		
Kelsey Hochmuth	3/10	Josh Ayers	3/26		
Darlana Roesti-Butler	3/10	Joanna Durando	3/26		
Jill Ostermann	3/11	Molly Plutschak	3/27		
Gail Whealton	3/12	Chris Schanken	3/27		
Jim Harris	3/14	Dale Thomas	3/28		
Charles Smith	3/14	Carson Hicks	3/29		
Janice Isenberg	3/15	David Schmidt	3/30		
Sonny Hopkins	3/18	Jessica Wittemen	3/30		
Viola Schmick	3/19	Olga MacDonald	3/31		



WINGS' annual Easter egg making day(s) arrive on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th. We can use your help with this fund raiser. Profits from our Easter egg sales go to Immanuel's Youth Group, CASA, and Preston Volunteer Fire Company.

You don't need special skills to help out. We have many different jobs to do, some of which you can do while sitting and socializing with old and new friends at Immanuel.

We also appreciate your help in buying and selling eggs. If you have friends, family, neighbors or co-workers, check with them about purchasing these delicious eggs, which helps our church and community.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Frase at 410-924-3803, or at carolfrase1977@yahoo.com.



MARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	3 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 9-11 a.m. Nursery School Open House	4	5
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	7 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 Elders Meeting	8 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	9 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:40 pm Choir Practice	10 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 7:00 p.m. WINGS	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	14 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 7:00 pm Church Council	15 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	16 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:40 pm Choir Practice	17 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	18	19
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27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	28 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Board of Education Mg					

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL MARCH 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greet-er	Head Tellers
March 2 Ash Wednesday	Todd Butler Jack Collins	Mark Frase		Kalei Durando	TBD	TBD			
March 6	Todd Butler Jack Collins	Rex Rosebrock	Earleen Lozen	Lukas Maloney	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost		Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
March 13	Todd Butler Jack Collins	Rex Rosebrock	Darlana Butler		David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost		Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
March 20	Todd Butler Jack Collins	Mark Frase	Catie Casey-Motley	Veronica Phillips	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost		Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
March 27	Todd Butler Jack Collins		Chrissy Frase		Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost		David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt



A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _	_____ out my transgressions (v. 1)
HS AW _ _ _ _ _	_____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _	_____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _ _ _ _ _	_____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _ _ _ _ _	_____ your face from my sins (v. 9)
DIHE _ _ _ _ _	_____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _ _ _ _ _	_____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _	_____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTO _ _ _ _ _	_____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
W HSA _ _ _ _ _	_____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

Washed clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

Immanuel's 125th Anniversary Commemoration

“For such a time as this!”

March 2022 - Life at Immanuel 1897-1945

After the service on March 20th, you are invited to gather in the Undercroft (Fellowship Hall) to see some moments in history from those who founded our church and those who were a part of our congregation in the early years. Photos and church certificates will be on display, along with other information about the beginning of Immanuel.

Is your family heritage a part of these years at Immanuel? You are invited to bring items from your family that show life at Immanuel during the years of 1897 to 1945. Items could include photos, bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and documents such as baptismal, confirmation and marriage certificates in English and German. Family photos of the period are also welcome. We have a number of photos that were collected previously, and we plan to display them. We hope that you will be able to bring additional family remembrances for this event.

Details: Please bring your items to the Undercroft (Fellowship Hall) beginning Thursday, March 17 through the morning of the 20th before the service. If you prefer to display a copy, please let us know in advance and we can help with that. On the 20th, please arrange to take your items home immediately after the displays are viewed. Thank you!

Ways to get involved in March:

Fellowship Hall set up and take down (March 20)
Reception Set up – March 20
Historical Documents
Lettering
Fabric Arts (banner making)
Photography
Digital Archiving
*Sign-up on the board or contact
Lynn, Iris or Pastor David*

Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events

March 20 – Life at Immanuel 1897-1945
May 15 – Life at Immanuel (1945-2022)
June – Building the structures
July – Pastors
August – Education and Youth
September 25, 10:30 Anniversary Worship Service and Potluck



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