

Today's Message

"Call of Duty — Our Vocation of Vigilance!"

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New Here... Welcome!

If you are new to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, we would love to meet you! Be sure to stop by our "Connection Center" where a **welcome gift** is waiting for you, and thanks for sharing worship with us today!

What's Happening:

You can always keep in touch with what's happening by checking in at our website: www.immanuelcl.org

Connecting

A Connection card helps us to get to know you! We like to send a thank you for visiting us, and to help you find classes or connections that might best fit what you are looking for.

I'd like to Know More

We would love to answer your questions! Call the church office or email: stieman@immanuelcl.org

Service Times: Saturday Evenings, 6:00pm Historic Church • Sunday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 - 11:00 Pathway Court *

SERMON NOTES

"But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING!

- A. The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly like a thief in the night.
- B. It will be a time for retribution.
- C. God has chosen those whom He loves!

II. ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED CHRIST

- A. They will be caught off guard, because of their ignorance to God, they will be shocked.
- B. They will be seeking peace and salvation and wrongly believing that they have already obtained it.
- C. It will be too late to change or to do anything to save themselves.

III. ABOUT THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST

- A. They are people of the day and the light, and not of darkness.

B. Believers will not experience God's wrath.

C. We are destined for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ!

IV. OUR CALL OF DUTY, HOW WE ARE TO LIVE

- A. Not with spiritual laziness but with alertness and vigilance.
- B. Not with fear or dread but with a strong faith, valiantly, and armed with spiritual weaponry.
- C. We are to encourage each other and to build each other up in Christian fellowship and love.

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

MY NEXT STEPS . . .

- ✠ Reflect on and celebrate how richly God has blessed you and your family. Live in His joy and peace, and with thanksgiving.
- ✠ Be alert for opportunities to serve God and to be a blessing to others.
- ✠ Stay connected to God's will for you through regular time in God's Word, through worship, and through prayer.
- ✠ Next week : Judgement Day—the Sheep and the Goats

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, November 19, 2017 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Touching Hearts and Transforming Lives with the Light of Jesus Christ...



As we count our blessings, we would especially like to give thanks to God for all our faithful Immanuel Lutheran volunteers!

Thank you for your dedication!

Thank you for sharing in the responsibilities!

Thank you for caring for others!

Thank you for serving with joy!

Thank you for seeing the vision!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Staff



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The 2018 Budget Q & A Presentation will be held in the Commons on Sunday, December 10 following the late service.

Eternal Light is in honor of the life of Sheryl Cook by Sheila & Tom O'Malley.



UPWARD WINTER BASKETBALL & CHEER Registration Deadline DECEMBER 3. Upward is a nurturing sports program that helps kids grow in character, confidence, faith, sportsmanship, and athletic ability. Registration is currently open for Boys Basketball grades 2nd – 8th and Cheerleading grades Kindergarten – 5th. For more information and to register, visit www.immanuelcl.org. For questions, contact Shelly Davidson at sdavidson@immanuelcl.org



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL

- Mid-Week Advent Worship**
December 6, 13 & 20, 7 pm, Commons
- Christmas Cantata**
December 10 8 & 9:30 am, Commons
- Christmas Eve**
December 24, 9:30 am & 3 pm, Commons
- Candlelight Services**
December 24, 8 & 10 pm, Historic Church
- Christmas Day**
December 25, 10 am, Commons

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Get the latest weekly Announcements, event postings, and information at: www.immanuelcl.org

* Families with Young Children: Changing tables are found in the washrooms down the hall on the left of the worship area. Nursing Mom's room is located behind the desk in the Library (doors on the back wall of worship area).