



Today's Message

The Season of Easter "Called"

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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: mwolowic@immanuelcl.org

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

Sermon Notes

Goal: Understand that the cost of Loving Generously may be great, but because of Jesus the gain is so much greater.

I. The Cost of Discipleship

A. Christianity is the most p_____ religion in the world today. In fact, _____% of the religious persecution in the world today is directed at C_____.

B. We are expected to c_____, people who are different are subject to s_____.

C. Jesus was killed because he was d_____.

D. Jesus' f_____ will be misunderstood too.

"You will be hated because you belong to me." (Mt 10)

II. Only Part of the Story

A. In caring for and l_____ those who are different, we find true c_____.

B. Working with the poor grants us the r_____ of walking with G_____.

"all Christians are called to fall in the footsteps of our Savior and that means loving generously. And part of loving generously is a willingness to suffer on behalf of those the world hates." - Viv Grigg, Missionary

III. There is an essential clash between the life Jesus lives and teaches his followers, and the life the world of the flesh wishes to lead.

A. As you build r_____s with those who are different, you may be persecuted.

B. Jesus promises, **"Blessed are those who are persecuted for r_____ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."** (Mt 5:10)

C. Application: Who do you know outside of church, that is different, poor, or struggling? How will you encourage them this week?

A. _____

B. _____

Memory Verse

"If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19)

MY NEXT STEPS...

- Memorize John 15:19.
- Was there someone who loved you generously?
- Share your idea for a 'Loving Generously' serving project in your small group.
- Care for and love Christians who are different by returning to our faith community next week to worship.

This Week at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, April 24, 2016, the Fifth Sunday after Easter

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



"City Update" Today

Following the 11:00 am Service

Be sure to return at noon, or stay following the 11:00am worship service. A "City Update" will be presented, keeping you connected and informed about what God is doing through the people of Immanuel! **This quarter**, we will "Spotlight" the Spiritual Wellness Program to see how some of the "Friendly Visits" have gone. Also, information will be provided about our Call for an Associate pastor.

LOVING GENEROUSLY

What does that look like here?

We all are watching the Donavan Family learn about loving. But, what does that look like to your group? Begin thinking about forming a plan about how your group might "Love Generously" as a follow up project.

Small Group Leader Next Steps Gathering:

Mon., April 25th, 7:00pm in the Youth Room, RSVP to: lgilliland@immanuelcl.org

Baptism: Congratulations to Tabitha Huber who brought her daughter, Aurora Ann Huber to baptism last night at the 6:00pm worship service. **Aurora, Welcome to the Family of God!**



Tickets for Reserved Seating!

On Sale in the School Office Now

We'd love for you to join us May 6th or 7th in the Commons. Purchase your reserved seat now for \$5.00/each in the school office. Enjoy a wonderful performance by students of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Special Senior's Matinee Fri., May 6th, 9:00am

Learning Together

Spiritual Wellness Coaches are beginning to make their friendly visits as a way of showing congregational support. You could become a visitor too, contact: Pastor Tieman.



Hosted by Immanuel, Sat. May 7th

The "Hike for Life" is a way to show your support of the unborn and the women who find themselves facing difficult pregnancy decisions. Enjoy a great morning by walking 3 miles and supporting the value of life.

Register at: www.immanuelcl.org/events

Discovering Together: Book of Daniel

This Monday, April 25th, 6:30pm in the Art Room at the Pathway campus. Contact Don Kearley with interest at: 815.459.3624. Meets every other Monday.

Eternal Light: This week's Eternal Light is celebration of Donna Knappek's 89th birthday

Altar Flowers: In celebration of Lisa and Erik Solak's 17th wedding anniversary.

We Celebrate!

Mathew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven," as we welcome our Cherub Choir to worship at 11:00 am this morning!

To God be the Glory!

Get the latest up-to-date class listings, 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).