



Today's Message

19th Sunday After Pentecost
"I Never Promised You a Rose Garden"
Rev. Dr. Larry W. Tieman · September 19, 2016

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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: mwolowiec@immanuelcl.org

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

SERMON NOTES

I. GOD NEVER PROMISED A ROSE GARDEN ON EARTH

A. Pain, Struggle, and Difficulty are all N_____ Parts of Life

1. Sometimes w_____ cause the pain.
2. Sometimes o_____ cause the difficulties.
3. Sometimes trouble just h_____.

B. There are People who D_____ That.

C. This is the Worst P_____ to be in.

1. You are v_____.
2. You can be s_____.

D. Do not ask "Why me?" Ask "Why n_____ me?"

E. Jesus is a r_____.

F. Tribulation means we will "take a b_____."

II. HE DID PROMISE TO BE WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

"Remember I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)

A. The Promise is not that we will be s_____ the struggle.

B. But by His grace, we will be e_____ to the struggle.

C. At the c_____, Jesus faced the worst that life can do.

D. But e_____ did not have the final word. He did!

E. We are never a_____.

1. Apart from God, I will be b_____.

2. With God, I can o_____ anything and everything.

Memory Verse

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

- John 16:33

MY NEXT STEPS...

- Memorize John 16:33.
- Take heart that Jesus is with you during the difficult times of life.
- Read Chapter 6 in "Unshakable."
- Attend worship next week to learn more principles of an "Unshakable" faith.

Coming Up at >>



Immanuel

>> Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 19th Sunday After Pentecost

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



"THE CLINIC" Immanuel's largest community outreach program will take place on Saturday October 15. Medical screenings, dental, vision, hearing, flu shots, hair salon services, lunch, coats, kid's activities, and a food truck are all available at no charge. Nearly 225 Clinic hosts volunteers are needed to guide and welcome over 350 guests. Please drop off gently used coats at the church office. You can sign up to help at www.immanuelcl.org or email Bob Dorn at rdorn@immanuelcl.org.



Altar Flowers this week are in celebration of Dan & Mary Grischow's 25th Wedding Anniversary



Friday, October 28 from 6–8 pm!

Join us for a night of fun and fellowship! Pumpkin decorating, face painting, concessions, hayrides, games, a Bible message, and voting for the best decorated trunk. Costume or no costume, plan to join us! Candy donations accepted in the office. Q's? Contact Laura Gilleland at lgilleland@immanuelcl.org.



Meeting

Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm

The Altar Guild will have a meeting on Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm at The Pointe. If you are interested in learning more about Altar Guild and their important ministry here at Immanuel, please join us at meeting. An agenda item will include fall and Christmas decorating! All are welcome! For further information, contact Florette Kaiser at 815-459-2827.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! It's time to start saving those empty shoeboxes for a great cause to help spread Christmas joy this Christmas season! Last year we packed 211 boxes – let's see if we can top that this year. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks!

UNSHAKABLE

STANDING STRONG WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

New Sermon Series continues! This new book will meet you in the eye of whatever storm you are facing and give you the Biblical tools you need to find peace and joy on the other side of your struggle. Sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the commons.

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).