

# Immanuel – St. Paul's



Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod



## Septuagesima

January 28, 2018

### Immanuel

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8:00 am

#### Order of Worship

Holy Communion  
TLH pg. 15ff

#### Hymns

372, 297, 377, 371, 293

### St. Paul's

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10:00 am

#### Order of Worship

Morning Worship  
LSB pg. 184

#### Hymns

746, 580, 693

### The Sermon

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#### Sermon Text:

Matthew 20:1-16

#### Sermon Title

Sour Grapes in the Kingdom

### Today's Readings

#### *First Reading*

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)

#### *Epistle Reading*

[1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5](#)

#### *Gospel Reading*

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

### *A Note to Our Visitors*

We welcome you in the name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ, and we pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you.

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*My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28*



## **Church Notes**

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### ***Prayer for the Day***

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O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us. Amen

***Next Sunday's  
Scripture  
Readings Are:***

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)  
[2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9](#)  
[Luke 8:4-15](#)

### ***The Meaning Septuagesima***

The third Sunday before the start of Lent (and the ninth Sunday before Easter) is traditionally known as Septuagesima, which comes from the Latin word for "seventieth." Septuagesima marks the beginning of preparations for Lent and can be seen as a transition from the joy of Epiphany to the penitence of Lent. The day itself imitates the seventy years of Babylonian exile, during which God's chosen people did not deem it fit to sing their joyous songs to the Lord. Thus, we too have said farewell to the joyful "Alleluia" until Easter. Signs of our preparation can be seen in the Introit, which focuses on death and hell, and in the collect, in which we seek salvation.

### ***Thank You***

Thank you to all who helped with the benefit for Wayne Decker! It was great to see a church family come together. We would like to give a big thank you to the Sunday school kids, those who helped with the set up & take down, the serving, clean up, photos, baked goods, auction items & donations. We are happy to say we raised \$9,000 to help out Wayne and we couldn't have been more pleased with the turnout! Thanks- Shelby, Lizzy, Dot & Judy

### ***St. Paul's Council Meeting***

St. Paul's next Council Meeting is today following the church service.

### ***Voters' Meetings***

Immanuel's next Voters' Meeting will be Sunday, February 4, 2018, following the service. St. Paul's next Voters' Meeting will also be Sunday, February 4, 2018, following its service.

### ***Lost***

A pair of ladies' black gloves was lost at either St. Paul's or Immanuel during Advent. If found, please let the church secretary know.

### ***Annual Fried Chicken Dinner***

On Sunday, February 4, at St. John Lutheran Church in Ruma, serving 11:30 am to 2pm. We will be offering all you care to eat dine in, as well as carryout meals and carryout boxes of chicken. Featuring a Bake Sale with Apple Butter for sale. We look forward to serving you!

### ***Valentine's Day Dinner***

St. Paul's Sunday School will host its annual Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday, February 11, following the church service.

### ***Lent Midweek Services***

The season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2014. Please consider joining us for worship at Immanuel and St. Paul's. The first three Lent Midweek services will be at St. Paul's starting at 7:00 pm and the last three services will be at Immanuel.

### ***Higher Things High School Youth Gathering***

The next Higher Things Youth Gathering is at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL from Tuesday, July 10th through Friday the 13th. The conference is open to any student who will either be entering into high school, in high school, or has just completed high school. The early bird registration cost (before February 1st) is \$355. There is a 500-word essay competition to subsidize the entire or partial cost of attendance for youth (18 or younger) requiring financial assistance. For more information or to sign-up please contact Pastor Sean. Additional information is also posted at:

<http://higherthings.org/conferences/sanctified2018>.

### ***Jr. High Catechetical Retreat and Youth Gathering***

There will be a Jr. High catechetical retreat at Camp Wartburg Feb 2-3. The theme will be a study of the Lord's Supper. The cost is \$40 per participant, and financial aid is available. Pastor Sean will be one of the pastors leading and teaching at the retreat. For more information or to sign-up please contact Pastor Sean.

## ***Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School***

**Donation Drive for Life Network:** Thank you for supporting the COS FFA Chapter with your donation to Life Network.

**Thank you** for attending our trivia night on Friday! We hope you had a great time.

**Early Registration:** Just a few days remain to get the early registration discount for 2018-2019 at *Christ Our Savior*. The registration fee is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee by January 31. After February 1, the registration fee will be \$300.

**Thank you** to all who attended Phil's Friends message. We had approximately 150 students in attendance from area schools. Many hands helped with preparing fleeced items for the Packages of Hope.

**Cheer the Soldiers Basketball Team:** Our last home game and also senior night is February 2 at 6 p.m. vs. Trinity Christian.

**Red Cross Blood Drive at COS** on Wednesday, February 7 from 2-6. If we collect enough units of blood at our drive, one COS senior will receive a \$250 scholarship from Red Cross.

**Volunteers needed:** COS is in need of volunteers to help with the Fish & More and the Dinner Auction. If helping with any of these activities interest you, please call the school for more information.

## ***Luther on the Gospel Readings***

"[W]ith respect to the appearances of Christ after His resurrection ... there arose a common rejoicing and praising of God, each one praising the grace bestowed on another, yet most of all that bestowed on himself, however much more modest it was than that of the other. So simple-hearted were they that all desired to be foremost, not in possessing the gifts but in praising and loving God; for God Himself and His bare goodness were sufficient for them, however small His gifts. But, the hirelings and the mercenaries grow green with envy when they observe that they are not first and foremost in possessing the good things of God. (Matt. 20:11, 12)." LW 21:319

*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955-1986).*

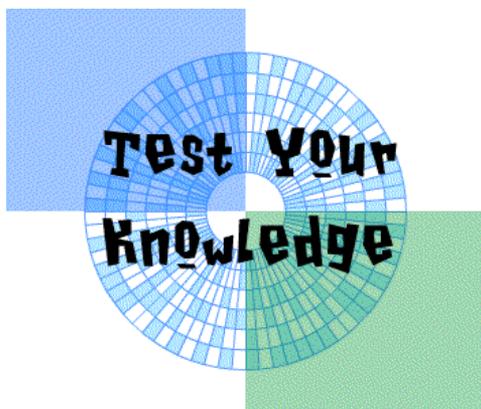
*For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard...*



*And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'*

# **St. Mark's Class of 2018 Trivia Night**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018  
Campbell Hill Community Center  
7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)**



**\$120.00 per table (8 person maximum per team)**

**Reserve your table by calling Heather Richelman at  
(618) 559-2700**

**Bring your own drinks and snacks**

**Proceeds to benefit the Class of 2018's Class Trip**

## Septuagesima Sunday

*The Cantata of the Day:*

*Nimm, was dein ist, und gehe hin – BWV 144 (1724)*

Take what is yours and go your way.  
(Matthew 20:14)

Do not grumble, Dear Christian, when things do not go your way. Rather, be content with what your God has granted you. He knows what is beneficial for you.

What God does is done well, His will remains just; As he begins my affairs, I will hold still for him. He is my God Who in trouble well knows how to sustain me: Therefore, I just let him work.

Where contentment reigns and governs all things, there man is happy with what God ordains. Contrariwise, where discontentment judges, there sorrow and sadness appear. The heart does not want to be content, and one does not remember: What God does is done well.

Contentment is a treasure in this life which can give happiness in the greatest sadness: Contentment. For in all things contentment is well pleased with whatever God ordains.

May always happen what my God wills. His will is the best. He stands ready to help those who firmly believe in him. He, the good God, helps out of trouble and chastises with moderation. He will not forsake him who trusts in God and firmly builds on him.

***Come, Holy Spirit,  
And Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful***

***This Week at Immanuel-St. Paul***

<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	8:00 am	Immanuel - Holy Communion
	8:45 am	St. Paul's Sunday School
	9:15 am	Immanuel Sunday School
	9:10 am	Immanuel's Voters' Meeting
	10:00 am	St. Paul's – Morning Worship
	11:00 am	St. Paul's Council Meeting
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b><i>Monday</i></b>	2:00 pm	Pastor Sean Leading Worship @ Manor in Chester
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	2:00 pm	Pastor Sean on KFUE Radio – AM 850 or kfuo.org
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	7:00 pm	Bible Study Class - Augsburg Confession @ SP
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	1:00 pm	<b>Bulletin Items Deadline</b>
<b><i>Fri-Sat</i></b>	6:00-7:00	Southern IL District LCMS Jr. High Catechetical Retreat
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