



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day!



Saturday, August 28, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music [7:45 am & 10:15 am – “How Great Thou Art” and “Amazing Grace” arr. by D. Whittman (Elden Niemeyer, saxophone)]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 566, “By Grace I’m Saved”

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.**

- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.**

- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.**

- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.**

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

Please stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences

- P** Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.
- C** **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**
- P** Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,
- C** **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**
- P** Cast us not away from Your presence,
- C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**
- P** Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
- C** **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the**

wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day (Psalm 51:7, 10-12; antiphon: v. 2)

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Hymn of Praise, LSB 873 v. 1 & 3, “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.... ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle, Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the

whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

Hymn of the Day, LSB 867, “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

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- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.**

- 2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down
Through ev’ry rising race.**

- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.**

- 4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God’s own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,**

- 5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.**

Sermon, Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9, “Lest You Forget”

(10:15 am) Installation of 2021-22 Sunday School Teachers & Helpers, Midweek Teachers, and Bible Study Leaders

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially...*]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

C **and I will praise Thee without end.**

P For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially...*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

- C** and I will praise Thee without end.
P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.
C Amen.

Offering (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

Offertory, LSB 588, “Jesus Loves Me”

- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
 For the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to Him belong;
 They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain**

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me!
 The Bible tells me so.*

- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died
 Heaven’s gates to open wide.
 He has washed away my sin,
 Lets His little child come in. Refrain**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

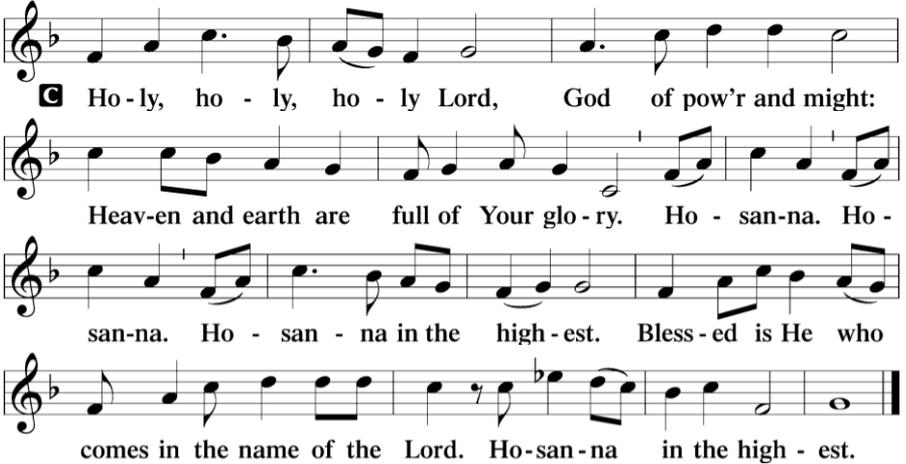
- P** The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

Pax Domini

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 864, “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

- 1 **Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.**

- 2 **You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin’s deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.**

- 3 **You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.**

- 4 **O ever be our guide,
Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word
Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.**

- 5** So now, and till we die,
Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

LSB 707, "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

- 1** Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!
- 2** Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
- 3** Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4** Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 664, “Fight the Good Fight”

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

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Worship Helpers

Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Chuck Keller

Media - Kelley Keller

Pianist - Ron Jones

Acolyte - Sydney Kuergeleis

Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Ushers - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

Music Director - Ann Frank

Lector - Don Birrittier

Media - Dave Powell

Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Reagan Wilhelm & Kadin LaRue

Ushers - Alan Stumpf, Ian Schrader, Paul Broske Sr., Tom McDaniel

Server - Dean Harbison

Lector - Bob Polansky

Media/Facebook Live - Pam Nagel

Ushers - Sunday, September 5, 2021

7:45 am - Allen Jacobs, Don & Gina Birrittier

10:15 am - Larry Goessling, Cal Neeman, Dean Harbison

Acolytes - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Blake Nichols

Sunday 7:45 am - Davin & Jacob Dethrow

Sunday 10:15 am - Ben Janssen

Servers - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Warren Frank

Media - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Lisa Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Kelley Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Pam Nagel

Lectors - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - n/a

Sunday 10:15 am - Jen Janssen

Altar Guild - Sunday, September 5, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Diana Heins

Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Faith

Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

Thank you to our Preschool teachers & helpers, our Sunday School teachers & helpers, and our Midweek teachers!

Preschool: Director – Linda Polansky; Aide – Deborah Joellenbeck; Subs – Laura Burch, Lisa Clamors, Christy Gardner, Cindy Troup

Sunday School: Superintendent – Lisa Clamors; Preschool & K – Pam Nagel; 1st & 2nd grades – Deborah Joellenbeck; 3rd & 4th grades – Melissa Wiegand; 5th & 6th grades – Gayle Mesnarich; 7th & 8th grades – Alan Stumpf; Music – Ann Frank, Jenna Hoeffken & Autumn Whelan

Midweek: 5th & 6th grades – Jen Janssen; 7th grade – Pastor Troup; 8th grade – Pastor Demski

Women's Mini-Retreat

It Is Well... with My Soul

based on the hymn...

Sat., Sept. 11, 2021

9:00—11:00 am

*Registration begins at 8:30 am
A delicious breakfast will be served.*

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To preregister or for more info:

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INGATHERING DONATIONS:

Any donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are appreciated. These items will benefit the children in our local Bi-County Backpack Program & Orphan Grain Train.

*This retreat is open to the community
and is sponsored by Immanuel's
Women's Christian Ministry.*

A Little Bit about Our Speaker...

Angie Walston

Angie is a Certified Family Life Educator with over a decade of experience working with children and families in a variety of contexts, from ministry to university settings. She loves facilitating a deeper compassion and empathy for those in all stages of life and supporting families in the midst of busyness and stress. She currently serves as Core Online Faculty/Human Services Program Director at Concordia University- Nebraska. Angie blogs for Concordia Publishing House and is often working on many projects in the community. Angie is a pastor's wife and mom to three little girls. They love enjoying family time outside, creating culinary masterpieces, and loud family sing-alongs.



Based on Isaiah 66:12-13.

For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

COVID Policy: Masks are recommended for unvaccinated people. This policy is subject to change and is based on the current & local guidelines at the time of this retreat.

**Would you like to donate breakfast items? (i.e., egg casserole, coffee cake, doughnuts, muffins, yogurts, fresh fruit, juices)
Contact Lisa in the church office!**