

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Saturday, August 14, 2021 – 5:30 pm Sunday, August 15, 2021 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

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.

Divine Service, Setting One

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)

Preservice Music / Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Please stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Confession and Absolution

(1 John 1:8-9)

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful

and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit of the Day

(Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,

studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

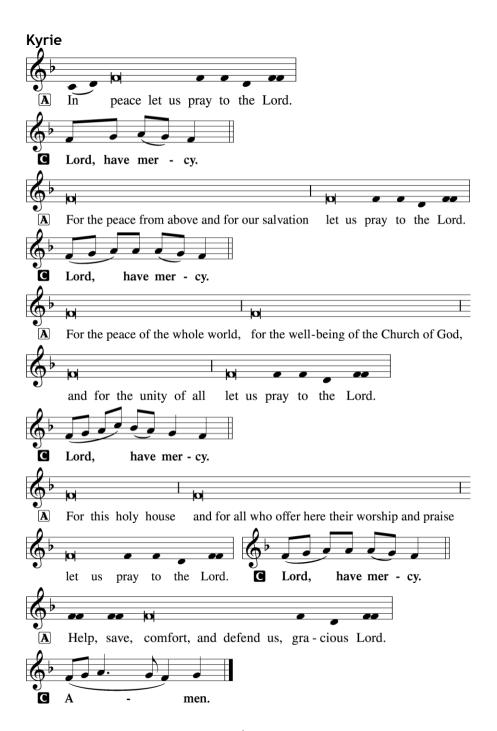
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!





Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading, Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ... ¹⁴"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." ¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹ឱAnd the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading, Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as

wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

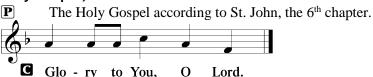
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

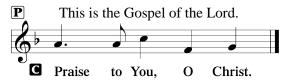


Holy Gospel, John 6:51-69



⁵¹[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail.

The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."



Please be seated

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

Hymn of the Day, LSB 696, "O God, My Faithful God"

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
 True fountain ever flowing,
 Without whom nothing is,
 All perfect gifts bestowing:
 Give me a healthy frame,
 And may I have within
 A conscience free from blame,
 A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do
 With ready heart and willing
 Whatever You command,
 My calling here fulfilling;
 That I do what I should
 While trusting You to bless
 The outcome for my good,
 For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling; Guard me lest idle speech

May from my lips be falling; But when within my place I must and ought to speak, Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

- 4 Lord, let me win my foes
 With kindly words and actions,
 And let me find good friends
 For counsel and correction.
 Help me, as You have taught,
 To love both great and small
 And by Your Spirit's might
 To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

Sermon, Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, "Now What?"

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

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- (Special petitions...) Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

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





courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

■ 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) |
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| | The Lord be with you. | (Z. 11moiny 4:ZZ) |

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

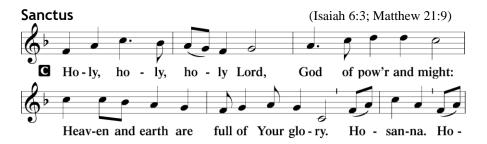
We lift them to the Lord.

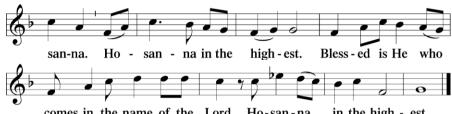
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:





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)

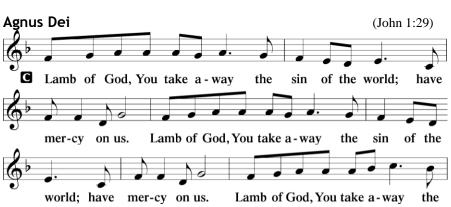
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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







Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 638, "Eat This Bread" [Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain. Cantors are Angela LaRue (5:30 pm) and Barb White (7:45 am & 10:15 am).] Text (sts. 1–2): © 1998 Concordia Publishing House; (sts. ref, 3–5): © 1984 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, France, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001526

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

- 1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you. **Refrain**
- As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. **Refrain**
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. **Refrain**
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Refrain**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. **Refrain**

LSB 625. "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

- Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
 May I in grace possess You.
 Let me with holy food be fed,
 In hunger I address You.
 Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
 And, humbly by my prayer implored,
 Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your table well for me provide,

Your wounded hand now feed me. Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.

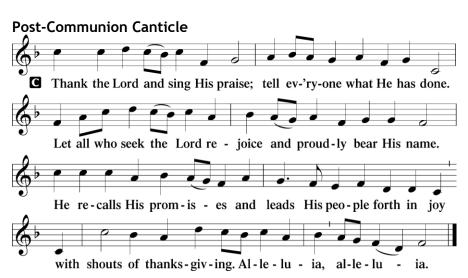
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
 For full and free remission
 I come with prayer before Your sight
 In sorrow and contrition.
 Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
 That I receive You worthily,
 Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
 My weight of sin would break me;
 In all my guilty heart's discord,
 O Lord, do not forsake me.
 In my distress this comforts me
 That You receive me graciously,
 O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now may this... Go in peace.

C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

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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 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.



Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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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.



Closing Hymn, LSB 818, "In Thee Is Gladness"

1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;

Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;

Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,

We fear no powers,

Not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses

In worst distresses:

He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story

Tell of His glory

With hearts and voices;

All heav'n rejoices

In Him forever: Alleluia!

We shout for gladness,

Triumph o'er sadness,

Love Him and praise Him

And still shall raise Him

Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, August 14, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Server - Howard Shive

Sunday, August 15, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski Server - Dean Harbison

Acolyte - Hunter Kettler

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

Sunday, August 15, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kaden Roberts & Keaton Roberts

Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Ushers - Sunday, August 22, 2021

7:45 am - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

10:15 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Acolytes - Sunday, August 22, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu

Sunday 7:45 am - Ashlyn Whelan & Trinity Drewes Sunday 10:15 am - Kyle Rusteberg & Leah Worley

Servers - Sunday, August 22, 2021 Saturday 5:30 pm - Rodney Clamors

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank Sunday 10:15 am - Dean Harbison

Media - Sunday, August 22, 2021 Saturday 5:30 pm - Dave Powell Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Greg Hoeffken

Organist - Joan Ruwald Media - Cathy Whelan

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Music Director - Ann Frank

Media -

Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Bob Polansky

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Lectors - Sunday, August 22, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, August 22, 2021 Saturday 5:30 pm - Susan Starbuck Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Faith Sunday 10:15 am - Janet Goessling

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AUGUST 29TH WILL BE A BUSY DAY AT IMMANUEL! *RALLY DAY... MIDWEEK ORIENTATION... YOUTH GROUP...*FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT...

The preschool – 8th grade Sunday School children will be singing during the 10:15 am service to celebrate Rally Day. And we'll be installing our Sunday School & midweek teachers and our Bible study leaders during this service.

A Midweek Orientation meeting for 5th – 8th grade families will be held in the overflow room at 11:30 am.

Immanuel's Youth Group will meet from 12-2 pm in the multipurpose room for fun & fellowship!

We will also be hosting a Family Movie Night that evening beginning at 5:00 pm. Hot dogs, popcorn, snacks & drinks will be available. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets! Movie is TBD.

Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with us throughout the day!

Women's Mini-Retreat

It Is Welloo with My Soul

Sat., Sept. 11, 2021 9:00—11:00 am

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church 522 S. Church Street Waterloo, Illinois

To preregister or for more info:

- 618.939.6480
- http://immanuelwaterloo.org
- immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com

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

Angle 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.

Babysitting will be available! Sunday School children will be singing! Breakfast item donations still needed! Please reach out to Lisa in the church office to preregister or to donate.