



**Immanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# OUR RETURN TO STUDY

...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

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## FALL 2020 WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

### **Safety Precautions**

Dear Heavenly Father, protect us as we, who are all your children, return to your house, to teach, hear and study together Your Holy Word. We thank you that you always hear our prayer and give comfort and protection to us. Especially in these uncertain times, as the Devil works to tear us apart from you and from one another, give us your added confidence and unwavering faith. Place in us the greatest knowledge knowing that You are our keeper and shield. Give us joy and wisdom as we make this return to learning and may it be kindled in such a way so that as we go out from this place we are encouraged and strengthened in our faith and have opportunity to share the blessings of your Word and the saving message of the Gospel with our families and others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**So that we may safely come together to hear and study God's Word in Bible Class and Sunday School we ask that you and your families practice the following precautions until further notice:**

**Wear a mask:** We ask that all children ages 7 and up wear a mask at all times during the Bible and Sunday School Class.

**Bring your Bible:** Bibles are available, but we invite and encourage you to use your own Bible.

**Practice Social Distancing:** Sit in an area that allows you or family grouping to maintain a social distance of 6 feet or greater. Classes will be arranged to allow for social distancing. When you line up for coffee or to go in and out of the classroom practice social distancing whenever possible.

**Use Hand Sanitizer:** Before you get your coffee use the provided hand sanitizer. All Sunday School Children will be given an application of hand sanitizer as they enter the classroom. Sunday School classes will not be served a snack at this time.

**Monitor Your Symptoms:** Do not attend if you have fever, cough, sore throat, or other symptoms of illness. AND do not attend if you have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

**Drop and Go!** Drop off and pick up your child at the Sunday School Check-in table at the top of the Atrium stairs and then attend a Bible class of your choosing. So that we may practice social distancing with the children in Sunday School, please allow your child, ages 3 and up to be escorted to their classroom by a Sunday School volunteer. They will be in the class with a small group of children of similar age and one teacher. We will not have the children all together in one space unless the group can safely be together and social distance as one group. Each group will occupy the same room from week to week, which will be sanitized by our staff, and will have use of their very own supplies for the class. There will be no snack served for now and all children will use hand-sanitizer as they come in and as they are leaving the class. All teachers will teach while wearing a mask and maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet whenever possible.

**Take and Teach!** Take your toddler, age one and two to the Social Room downstairs. There a teacher will greet you and lead a Bible Story Lesson, craft, and music while you stay and join the fun with your toddler. The large amount of space provided in the social room will allow for families to social distance with their child and still participate in the learning. No snack will be served, and hand-sanitizer will be provided. No children two and under should wear a mask. All adults participating in this class are asked to wear a mask.

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.** As we welcome everyone back, we rejoice greatly in the opportunity to study God's Word together in Bible Class and Sunday School here at Immanuel. If for any reason you or your family are not ready to return to in-person study, we understand and do not hold you in judgement for that decision. This is most certainly a difficult and uncharted time we are living in, and each individual and family has concerns that are unique to their situation that may prevent them from in-person worship and study at this time. We also live and walk by faith, trusting God for His protection and guidance in our lives. Every day we are under attack by the Devil, the world, and our sinful nature and now, more than ever, our unwavering commitment to the study of God's Word is important to our lives of living as His disciples. Our own study and the continued teaching of our children is also important to the lives of those around us who need our sharing of His Gospel. If you are able to join us in-person we look forward to sharing this time in the safe and physical presence of one another. If for now, if you are unable to join us, please join us online for Worship and for a live-stream Adult Bible Study which will begin in September.