

Good Hope, Immanuel and St. John's Lutheran Churches

***July 14, 2024 / 10:00 AM
Immanuel, Titonka, IA***



"His Faithfulness Continues to All Generations"



**8th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor John Heille**

Today's introduction:

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Anita Eden, Organist

Karen Post, Pianist

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"


LBW #369

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

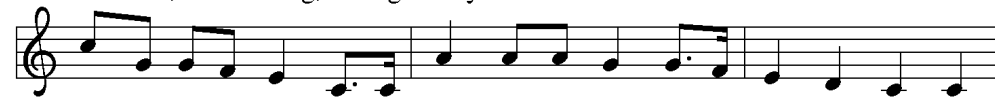


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The ark of the covenant, long a symbol of God's presence with Israel, is brought into Jerusalem by David. The entrance of the ark into this new capital city is marked by great rejoicing, and David himself is the chief dancer.

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

^{12b} So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR

"Peace Like a River/Amazing Grace"

Carole Tuecke, Director

PSALM

Psalm 124 (read responsively)

**¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.**

² For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

**³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?**

⁴ Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

**⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.**

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

**⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

⁸ Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark. All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor JoAnn Post

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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VISITING PASTORS

(Please stand as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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 us and,
for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PEACE

OFFERING

Today's offering will be given to flood relief. Offerings may be placed in the plates or may be given online. The online options are detailed in the announcements.

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

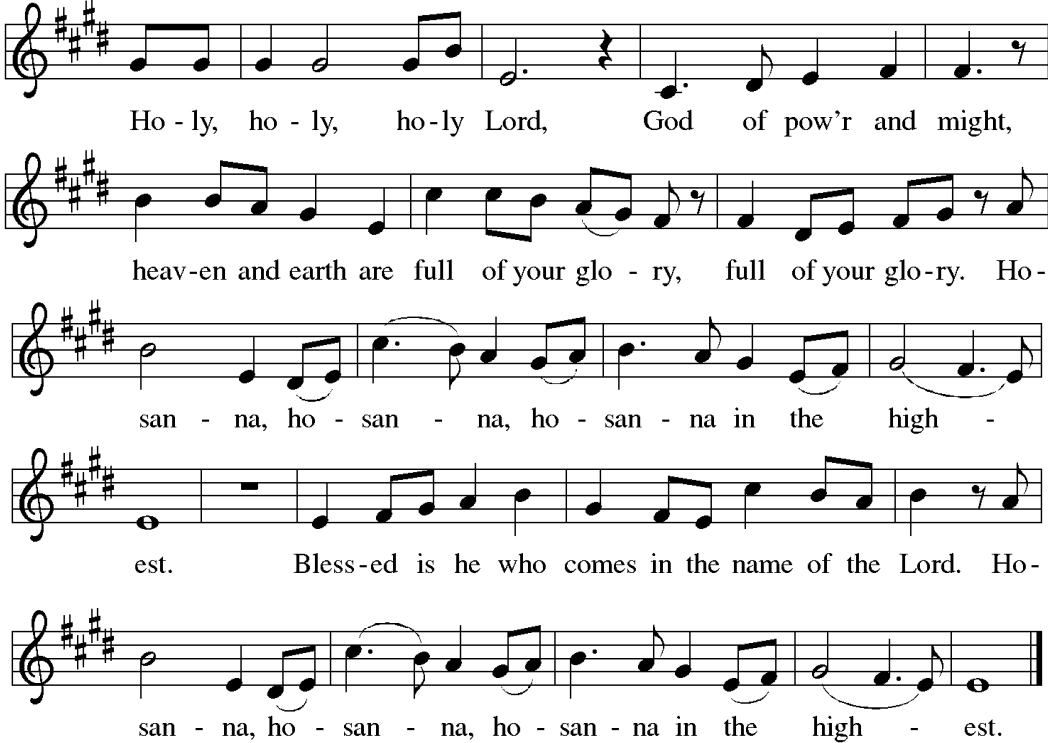
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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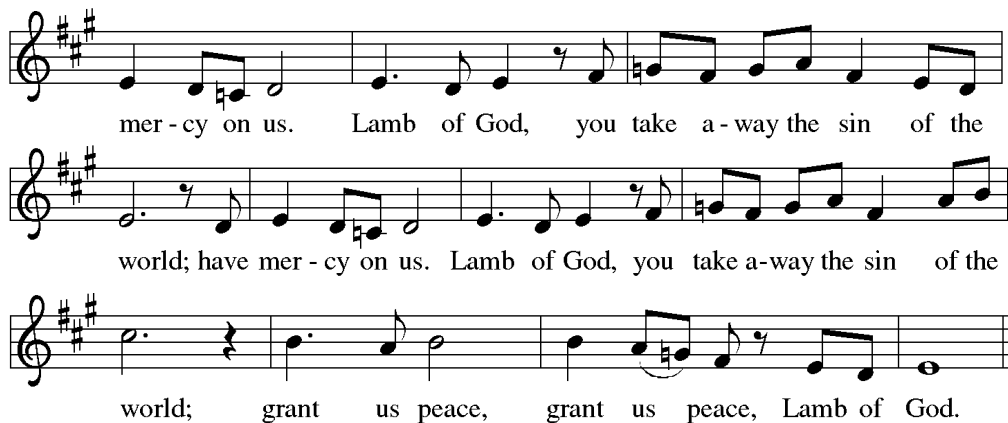
LORD'S PRAYER

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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"Blessed Assurance"

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

- This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
 - 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

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. **Amen**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN

"For All These Years"

Words by Anita Eden

(tune: "How Great Thou Art")

- 1) For all these years, the Lord has blessed Immanuel
We thank Him now, for all that He has done.
Lord, thank you for this church and all its members,
Who come to worship You inside these walls.

Chorus:

Now sing we all, our thanks to You, O Lord.
You are the way, You are the truth.
You are the life of this, our congregation.
We praise you for these bless-ed years.

- 2) Down through the years, through loved ones gone before us,
Through faithful pastors, we have heard God's Word.
Through Sunday School and Bible School, our teachers
Have taught us all about the love of God. *Chorus*

- 3) Our Ladies Aid and the men's Brotherhood,
Our children, and our special music groups;
We all come here to dear Immanuel Lutheran,
To join as one in service to you, Lord. *Chorus*

- 4) Praise for the past – For All These Years we've served You.
Faith for the future – hear our prayer today.
Dear heav'nly Father, grant that our Immanuel
Will stand secure on Christ, the sold rock. *Chorus*

TABLE PRAYER

Be present at our table, Lord
Be here and ev'rywhere adored
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of support, healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Gabrielle Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Doris Haugland, Russ Bruns, all active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), Christian Johnson & Morgan Kelly, the family of Ken Spear, our folks in nursing homes, our Bishops Eaton and Halaas, and all those impacted by recent natural disasters and flooding.

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: Bishop Lorna Halaas, Pr. JoAnn Post, organists, choir members, greeters, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers and you!

If you need to reach Pastor John, his cell phone is (507)-399-3119 and his email is unlikelyj@icloud.com. His normal office hours are:

Monday 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Immanuel office
Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM St. John's office
Wednesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Good Hope office

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

7/14/2024 11:00 AM 125th lunch – please join the fellowship
7/20/2024 August newsletter deadline
7/21/2024 9:30 AM 125th Woden Community Worship @ St. John's

****A St. John's key** was found at St. John's. Please contact the church office to claim it.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Sun., July 14–Thurs., July 18 5:30–8:30 p.m. Community Wide Vacation
Bible School
Mon., July 15 11:00 a.m. Funeral for Ken Spear (visitation is at 9:30 a.m.)
Sun., July 21 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's (Woden Quasqui Centennial)

COMMUNITY WIDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(ALL area kids are welcome to attend!)

SCUBA DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

July 14– July 18 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Preschool -6th grade (Grade just completed)

Games – Stories - Experiments – Crafts
Questions?

Contact Brenda Ricke: 515-928-7752



Older kids and adult volunteers are needed! This is a great way for students to earn silver cord hours!

****Titonka Care Center resident count** as of this past Wednesday: 11

****It Takes A Community!** The Friends of the Titonka Care Center announced a "Matching Funds" Campaign to continue raising finances for the Care Center. To jumpstart this effort to save the Care Center, an anonymous donor has generously agreed to match all funds collected from June 25th through July 31st, dollar for dollar up to \$150,000. This includes donations from businesses, churches, and individuals. Your \$5 turns in \$10, \$100 into \$200 and so forth. No donation is too small. Check the door of local businesses or the Care Center's Facebook or web page to track the success of this campaign. Drop your donations in the buckets located all around town, or mail to Friends of the TCC, P.O. Box 249, Titonka, IA. 50480. Help us keep this going to fund the Care Center!

****What's new at the Care Center?** Our Bucket Fund has been generating some great donations as well as the Hail Mary Fund. Continue giving towards these funds and receive Matching Funds donated to the Care Center through July 31st. The care center is presently at 11 residents. Help encourage more people to come and be a part of our facility. Coming soon is a "Walking Taco" supper on **Sunday, July 21st** from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Care Center. A Free Will Offering will be received with Matching Funds donated. On **Sunday, July 28th** from 2:00 – 4:00 PM there will be an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Friends of the Care Center. They will be serving homemade pie/bars



and ice cream for a free will donation with matching funds donated. There will be several pies auctioned off. Register for door prizes to



be given away. Two fun weekends to come support the Care Center. Plan to attend both events. Also, coming soon to the Care Center will be a Hospice Room, Adult Day Care and a Couples Suite. The Care Center is moving ahead into the future.



Joint Worship Schedule

			Aug 4	9:00	Immanuel – noisy offering
Jul 14	10:00	Immanuel 125th! w/communion	Aug 11	10:30	St. John’s w/communion (outdoor service & picnic)
Jul 21	9:30	St. John’s (Woden 125th)	Aug 18	9:00	Good Hope
Jul 28	9:00	Good Hope w/communion	Aug 25	9:00	Immanuel w/communion
			Sep 1	9:00	St. John’s - noisy

****Immanuel’s 125th anniversary scrapbook** can be viewed or downloaded from <https://imemories.us/3ZB8mle>. The link is posted on www.parish3.com.

****Consider automatic giving:** Immanuel and St. John’s have the option to give your offering online through Tithely by using a credit card or bank account. The easiest way to give is on www.parish3.com. On the home page scroll down to “Church Offering & Food Bank Contributions”. You will see “Give St. John’s” and “Give Immanuel” buttons. They will link you directly to a giving form for each church. If you sign-up and create an account with Tithely, you will also be able to track your giving throughout the year. Once you create an account, Tithely has an app that makes online giving very quick and easy.



You can use the QR code shown at left which takes you directly to Immanuel’s website detailed above.

You may, of course, always mail your gifts to the church. Thank you for your support of our ministry.

****School supply drive:** The WOW students and Parish Three congregations are gathering school supplies which will be put in backpacks and shipped overseas for students who do not have access to these items. We will be filling school bags in September, so purchase any school supplies when they are on sale in July or August! Items needed are:

- Ruler
- 2” Eraser
- 5 Pens
- 5 Pencils
- Safety Scissors
- 4 Notebooks
- Pencil Sharpener
- 18 or 24 Count Crayons

****THANK YOU for being with us today! Go and serve the Lord!**